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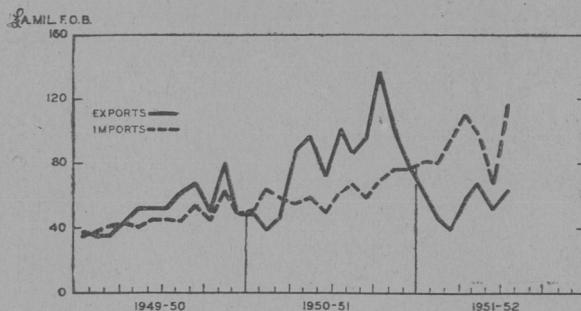
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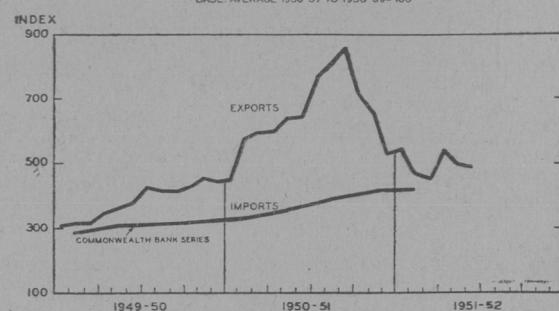
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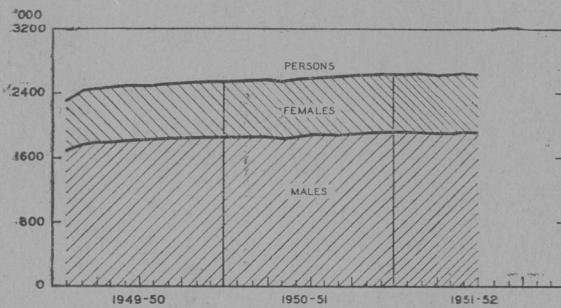
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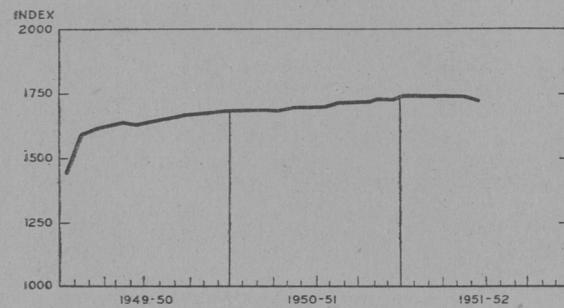
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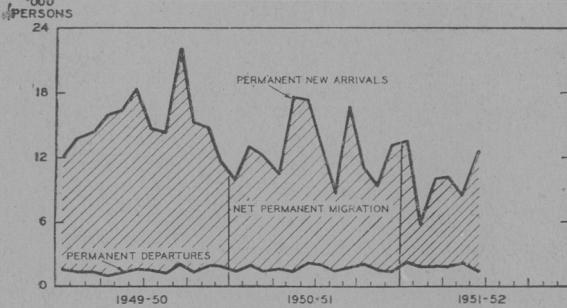
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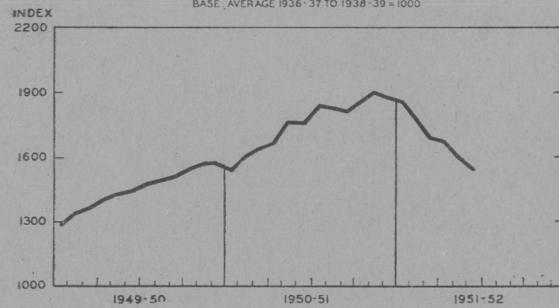
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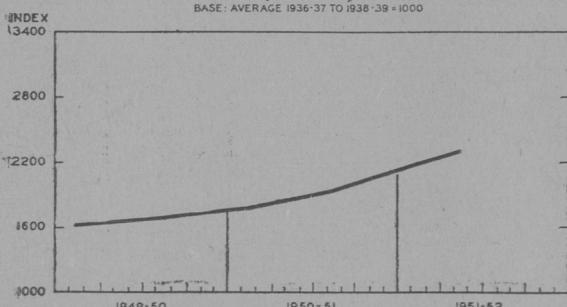
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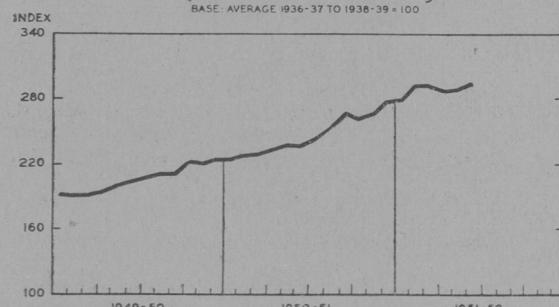
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Employment—Australia.			Average Weekly Wage Australia : Index No. (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000). (b)	Oversea Trade (Merchandise only).		Building Permits. (c) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses Completed. (d)	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Imports.	Exports.				
	'000.	'000.	'000.		£'000.	£'000.			'000 tons.	Million kwh.
Monthly Averages.										
1932-33 ..	(e)992	(e)341	(e)1,333	n.a.	5.5	8.2	565	n.a.	732	225
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	12.4	1,986	n.a.	977	331
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	11.8	2,307	n.a.	990	363
1938-39 ..	(f)1,293	(f)437	(f)1,730	n.a.	9.4	10.2	2,353	n.a.	1,051	391
1944-45 ..	1,284	626	1,910	1,013	17.7	12.9	520	n.a.	1,137	570
1945-46 ..	1,379	602	1,981	1,000	14.8	16.4	2,190	3,844	1,052	576
1946-47 ..	1,592	610	2,202	1,035	17.4	25.7	4,084	8,152	1,178	627
1947-48 ..	1,693	635	2,328	1,159	28.2	33.8	4,687	10,876	1,231	697
1948-49 ..	1,757	656	2,413	1,321	34.5	45.2	5,577	12,835	1,276	754
1949-50 ..	1,810	675	2,485	1,451	44.7	51.1	7,129	13,871	1,243	792
1950-51 ..	1,882	707	2,589		61.8	82.0	10,426	16,861	1,368	870
Monthly Totals.										
1949-50—										
January ..	1,822	674	2,496	1,471	44.5	52.2	6,221		1,025	753
February ..	1,835	681	2,516	1,476	44.0	61.1	8,011	12,169	1,267	759
March ..	1,839	688	2,527	1,507	53.7	66.8	8,357		1,441	843
April ..	1,846	686	2,532	1,490	43.9	50.1	6,716		1,199	792
May ..	1,855	689	2,544	1,521	61.7	77.8	10,043	14,873	1,602	916
June ..	1,859	688	2,547	1,552	48.2	47.6	9,198		1,301	920
1950-51—										
July ..	1,858	690	2,548	1,548	50.6	49.1	9,117		1,379	948
August ..	1,864	691	2,555	1,607	64.0	38.4	10,026	16,217	1,605	945
September ..	1,868	696	2,564	1,586	56.9	46.5	9,602		1,487	877
October ..	1,844	700	(g)2,544	1,604	54.6	86.7	9,800		1,529	873
November ..	1,864	708	(g)2,572	1,637	58.3	96.0	10,783	18,624	1,519	839
December ..	1,884	712	2,596	1,732	49.5	72.1	7,369		1,175	803
January ..	1,887	703	2,590	1,786	62.2	99.4	9,599		795	812
February ..	1,895	713	2,608	1,835	67.4	85.0	10,095	15,123	1,160	796
March ..	1,897	716	2,613	p1,844	58.4	94.8	10,867		1,297	845
April ..	1,905	718	2,623	p1,879	68.1	136.2	13,079		1,438	866
May ..	1,911	719	2,630	p1,974	76.0	99.7	12,942	17,480	1,533	919
June ..	1,912	719	2,631		75.8	79.9	11,833		1,559	918
1951-52—										
July ..	1,913	720	2,633		80.7	58.3	11,792		1,655	975
August ..	1,912	722	2,634		80.2	45.9	12,906	18,343	1,740	982
September ..	1,907	721	2,628		94.9	39.2	10,187		1,565	892
October ..	1,909	722	2,631		111.1	57.6	11,184		1,860	940
November ..	1,919	724	2,643		97.6	67.3	9,384		1,761	928
December ..	1,916	721	2,637		68.3	50.3	7,788		1,315	865
January ..						64.5				

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers. Figures for June, 1933, July, 1939, and June, 1943, were obtained from the Census, National Register and Civilian Register respectively. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus 45 per cent. of female employment. Seasonally adjusted. (c) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 27). (d) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (e) June, 1933. (f) July, 1939. (g) Affected by industrial disputes.

INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Ingot Steel.(a)	New Motor Vehicles Registered.(b)		Mainland State Railways Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Depart- ment Receipts. (c)	Wholesale Trade— Australia : Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts.	Private Trading Banks. (Weekly Averages).		Bank Debits to Cus- tomer's Accounts (Weekly Averages).
		Motor Cars.	Com- mercial Vehicles.				Deposits.	Advances.	
		'000 tons.	'000.				£m.	£m.	
Monthly Averages.									
1932-33 ..	32.7	1.0	0.3	3,017	1,053	29.1	269.9	231.0	n.a.
1936-37 ..	89.4	4.0	2.0	3,407	1,318	37.2	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	96.5	4.6	2.3	3,632	1,396	40.6	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	97.4	4.5	2.1	3,580	1,447	39.8	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1944-45 ..	112.1	0.1	0.6	5,869	2,323	52.3	567.8	208.7	n.a.
1945-46 ..	87.9	0.2	0.7	5,576	2,371	55.7	606.4	212.2	122.4
1946-47 ..	109.3	1.8	1.4	5,303	2,484	66.8	636.6	261.1	148.9
1947-48 ..	111.9	3.6	2.4	(d)6,376	2,616	79.5	673.5	329.9	175.9
1948-49 ..	98.0	5.5	3.1	7,174	2,776	93.4	776.4	368.6	212.8
1949-50 ..	101.1	9.6	4.8	7,702	3,196	110.2	910.1	403.9	271.1
1950-51 ..	117.7	10.6	6.5	8,834	3,732	140.5	1,144.2	479.3	372.9
Monthly Totals.									
1949-50—									
February ..	114.6	9.7	4.5	7,705	3,332	110.2	966.7	399.8	284.8
March ..	112.3	12.3	5.7	8,540	3,582	124.1	1,006.6	404.7	305.5
April ..	105.5	10.0	4.8	7,574	2,916	110.5	1,018.0	414.9	284.6
May ..	114.4	14.9	7.0	8,709	3,703	134.9	1,001.6	414.1	312.9
June ..	122.0	12.5	6.0	8,438	3,550	126.6	1,004.9	427.2	307.8
1950-51—									
July ..	104.3	11.9	6.4	7,679	3,021	117.8	997.8	440.5	318.5
August ..	125.1	13.4	7.6	8,895	3,595	130.1	983.4	444.1	282.7
September ..	135.9	11.8	7.2	8,816	3,276	132.3	1,002.3	449.2	317.5
October ..	133.0	11.9	7.5	7,732	3,604	146.0	1,057.1	465.0	353.1
November ..	131.2	11.8	8.0	6,838	3,563	137.7	1,096.5	476.5	371.5
December ..	118.1	9.9	6.0	8,480	3,996	133.9	1,133.5	490.5	395.8
January ..	92.9	7.7	5.0	9,323	3,574	119.9	1,159.1	482.0	346.3
February ..	97.5	10.1	5.9	8,702	3,710	143.4	1,198.2	495.3	410.7
March ..	107.3	10.0	6.4	9,144	3,695	151.1	1,285.1	507.2	406.5
April ..	129.2	9.7	5.9	9,400	4,099	154.7	1,297.0	502.3	439.7
May ..	116.0	10.6	6.5	10,234	4,361	159.2	1,291.8	496.9	427.3
June ..	114.9	8.5	5.6	10,761	4,284	160.0	1,237.7	509.5	421.0
1951-52—									
July ..	111.7	10.7	7.0	10,129	4,346	162.1	1,204.3	527.6	413.5
August ..	138.5	13.6	9.4	10,697	4,555	p 174.5	1,190.6	541.6	361.6
September ..	132.3	10.8	6.3	10,037	4,090	p 172.8	1,177.3	568.5	379.3
October ..	123.7	12.1	6.5	11,438	5,203		1,179.2	593.8	420.9
November ..	136.2	11.9	6.8		4,775		1,190.7	620.7	422.2
December ..	134.1	9.9	5.4		5,309		1,242.4	624.8	448.8
January ..	137.1				4,840		1,218.3	638.6	375.5
February ..					5,023		1,228.5	654.6	414.7

(a) Excludes a very small amount produced outside New South Wales.
 (b) Excludes Northern Territory; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.
 (c) Actual collections.

(d) From July, 1947, covers all State and Commonwealth railways.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.		Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Averages.								
1936-37	..	14,627	29,634	16,129	13,505	496	14,291	6,835,536
1937-38	..	15,529	29,924	16,170	13,754	1,676	15,751	6,898,541
1938-39	..	15,279	30,636	17,023	13,613	3,339	17,303	6,967,754
1944-45	..	16,275	39,901	17,305	22,596	— 730	20,495	7,391,692
1945-46	..	18,051	39,002	18,048	20,954	-2,441	18,366	7,465,157
1946-47	..	19,399	48,072	18,401	29,671	-1,611	28,550	7,579,358
1947-48	..	19,008	44,252	18,876	25,376	7,341	32,717	7,710,228
1948-49	..	18,498	44,149	19,041	25,108	25,287	50,395	7,911,806
1949-50	..	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	68,434	8,185,541
1950-51	..	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	61,462	8,431,391
Quarterly Totals.								
1948-49—								
September Qtr.	..	16,229	44,355	22,938	21,417	14,330	35,747	7,745,975
December	..	20,038	44,997	18,042	26,955	21,950	48,905	7,794,880
March	..	18,739	43,636	16,298	27,338	25,688	53,026	7,847,906
June	..	18,987	43,607	18,885	24,722	39,178	63,900	7,911,806
1949-50—								
September	..	15,450	47,405	22,219	25,186	35,671	60,857	7,972,663
December	..	19,823	46,613	17,858	28,755	49,464	78,219	8,050,882
March	..	19,258	47,478	16,996	30,482	44,970	75,452	8,126,334
June	..	19,699	46,696	18,931	27,765	31,442	59,207	8,185,541
1950-51—								
September	..	16,636	48,433	23,668	24,765	31,278	56,043	8,241,584
December	..	20,006	47,984	18,592	29,392	44,815	74,207	8,315,791
March	..	20,387	48,013	17,239	30,774	33,633	64,407	8,380,198
June	..	19,814	48,025	20,083	27,942	23,251	51,193	8,431,391
1951-52—								
September	..	16,610	49,681	24,113	25,568	23,487	49,055	8,480,446
December	..					31,062		

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period September, 1939 to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.

(b) Excess of arrivals over departures. A minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947. (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population between July, 1933 and June, 1947.

OVERSEA MIGRATION.(a)

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops and their dependants, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops and dependants from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Temporary		Permanent.		
	Australian Residents Departing Overseas.	Visitors Arriving from Overseas.	New Arrivals.	Australian Residents Departing.	Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-).
Monthly Averages.					
1936-37	1,937	2,294	1,148	953	+ 195
1937-38	2,060	2,617	1,478	925	+ 553
1938-39	1,966	2,649	2,081	1,055	+ 1,026
Monthly Totals.					
1949-50—					
January	2,666	4,016	14,764	1,625	+13,139
February	2,936	3,917	14,332	1,368	+12,964
March	4,215	4,992	22,313	2,246	+20,067
April	3,572	3,601	15,483	1,498	+13,985
May	3,679	3,643	14,927	1,925	+13,002
June	3,003	3,229	11,863	1,955	+ 9,908
1950-51—					
July	1,651	2,117	9,988	1,414	+ 8,574
August	1,784	3,621	13,078	2,099	+10,979
September	1,478	3,137	12,291	1,419	+10,872
October	1,645	4,197	10,416	1,656	+ 8,760
November	1,274	3,371	17,656	1,365	+16,291
December	3,510	3,851	17,429	2,285	+15,144
January	2,777	2,875	13,219	2,040	+11,179
February	3,517	4,936	8,650	1,499	+ 7,151
March	3,655	4,698	16,854	1,848	+15,006
April	4,153	3,511	11,264	2,061	+ 9,203
May	3,444	3,769	9,333	1,575	+ 7,758
June	2,512	3,040	13,112	1,489	+11,623
1951-52—					
July	2,606	2,928	13,445	2,418	+11,027
August	2,021	3,307	5,602	1,907	+ 3,695
September	1,927	3,191	9,881	1,925	+ 7,956
October	2,037	4,261	10,109	1,797	+ 8,312
November	2,440	3,363	8,476	2,173	+ 6,303
December	3,443	5,103	12,597	1,448	+11,149
January	3,359	4,502	8,558	2,302	+ 6,256

(a) Excludes troop movements, September, 1939, to June, 1947.

(b) Includes evacuees, monthly average, 35.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

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Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.					
	Governmental Authorities.(b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7	133.6
1949—May(d) ..	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	52.3	635.9	180.9	281.7	125.6	169.9
1950—June ..	553.5	1,305.2	1,858.7	53.9	659.0	197.2	292.8	127.1	178.0
1951—June ..	570.0	1,341.5	1,911.5	55.8	674.7	212.7	294.7	129.7	188.4
1950—September ..	557.2	1,310.9	1,868.1	54.2	660.2	201.3	292.9	127.6	180.9
October(e) ..	528.4	1,314.9	1,843.3	54.3	655.9	202.1	269.7	128.0	182.1
November(e) ..	541.6	1,322.7	1,864.3	54.5	658.9	204.3	280.1	130.9	183.6
December ..	560.0	1,324.2	1,884.2	54.1	663.0	202.8	292.8	134.0	184.2
1951—September ..	562.1	1,344.9	1,907.0	55.7	674.0	213.8	290.3	128.7	189.4
October p ..	558.6	1,350.5	1,909.1	56.1	676.0	211.1	291.5	128.5	191.0
November p ..	559.2	1,359.9	1,919.1	56.3	678.8	212.7	292.5	130.0	194.3
December ..	562.2	1,353.7	1,915.9	56.1	674.1	210.9	293.7	132.2	193.5
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9	129.0
1949—May(d) ..	99.2	564.9	664.1	0.7	215.6	3.1	37.0	111.1	59.8
1950—June ..	107.6	580.6	688.2	0.7	223.8	3.3	38.8	113.3	64.8
1951—June ..	113.9	604.9	718.8	0.8	234.4	3.8	40.1	119.1	71.3
1950—September ..	108.9	586.9	695.8	0.8	225.9	3.4	39.3	114.1	66.3
October(e) ..	107.8	592.5	700.3	0.8	227.7	3.4	38.2	116.8	66.7
November(e) ..	108.6	599.5	708.1	0.8	229.6	3.4	38.9	121.1	67.4
December ..	110.1	601.4	711.5	0.8	228.1	3.5	40.0	124.9	67.4
1951—September ..	112.4	608.3	720.7	0.8	235.5	3.9	39.5	118.5	73.0
October p ..	112.3	609.3	721.6	0.9	235.9	3.9	39.7	118.8	73.2
November p ..	112.6	611.4	724.0	0.9	233.5	4.0	40.1	122.0	73.8
December ..	111.9	608.7	720.6	0.9	228.9	4.0	39.9	124.7	73.2
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6	262.6
1949—May(d) ..	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	53.0	851.5	184.0	318.7	236.7	229.7
1950—June ..	661.1	1,885.8	2,546.9	54.6	882.8	200.5	331.6	240.4	242.8
1951—June ..	683.9	1,946.4	2,630.3	56.6	909.1	216.5	334.8	248.8	259.7
1950—September ..	666.1	1,897.8	2,563.9	55.0	886.1	204.7	332.2	241.7	247.2
October(e) ..	636.2	1,907.4	2,543.6	55.1	883.6	205.5	307.9	244.8	248.8
November(e) ..	650.2	1,922.2	2,572.4	55.3	888.5	207.7	319.0	252.0	251.0
December ..	670.1	1,925.6	2,595.7	54.9	891.1	206.3	332.8	258.9	251.6
1951—September ..	674.5	1,953.2	2,627.7	56.5	909.5	217.7	329.8	247.2	262.4
October p ..	670.9	1,959.8	2,630.7	57.0	911.9	215.0	331.2	247.3	264.2
November p ..	671.8	1,971.3	2,643.1	57.2	912.3	216.7	332.6	252.0	268.1
December ..	674.1	1,962.4	2,636.5	57.0	903.0	214.9	333.6	256.9	266.7

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad, and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-Roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1945 (Factories, July, 1948) subject to revision.

(b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

(d) Figures for June, 1949, were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute (27th June to 15th August). (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

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Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.										
1939—July	..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1949—May(b)	..	721.4	489.3	239.8	155.0	112.8	57.4	4.2	7.2	1,787.1
1950—June	..	740.8	510.7	250.4	165.7	120.5	58.4	4.5	7.7	1,858.7
1951—June	..	758.2	525.8	259.3	170.0	125.3	60.2	4.6	8.1	1,911.5
1950—August	..	742.8	510.0	252.2	166.7	121.3	58.1	4.6	7.8	1,863.5
September		744.9	510.3	253.3	167.4	121.7	58.0	4.6	7.9	1,868.1
October(c)		746.2	489.6	252.7	162.0	121.9	58.2	4.6	8.1	1,843.3
November(c)		748.3	500.6	253.3	167.6	122.9	58.8	4.6	8.2	1,864.3
December ..		751.4	517.6	251.7	167.9	123.1	59.7	4.5	8.3	1,884.2
1951—August	..	758.7	524.2	261.1	169.6	125.5	60.0	4.7	8.1	1,911.9
September		756.5	523.0	260.2	169.1	125.4	60.3	4.6	7.9	1,907.0
October p ..		758.9	522.7	259.8	169.3	125.8	60.2	4.6	7.8	1,909.1
November p		765.0	524.3	260.1	169.9	126.6	60.9	4.5	7.8	1,919.1
December p		764.6	525.2	255.9	170.2	126.7	61.0	4.5	7.8	1,915.9
FEMALES.										
1939—July	..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1949—May(b)	..	269.9	202.5	80.1	52.2	37.8	18.8	0.7	2.1	664.1
1950—June	..	278.5	210.0	83.1	54.3	39.9	19.4	0.9	2.1	688.2
1951—June	..	290.9	219.6	86.1	57.0	41.6	20.3	0.8	2.5	718.8
1950—August	..	279.6	211.1	83.6	54.9	40.0	18.9	0.8	2.2	691.1
September		281.7	212.2	84.0	55.5	40.4	19.0	0.8	2.2	695.8
October(c)		285.7	212.7	84.0	55.4	40.3	19.1	0.8	2.3	700.3
November(c)		289.2	215.3	84.2	56.5	40.6	19.2	0.8	2.3	708.1
December ..		289.8	216.3	84.7	56.4	41.2	20.0	0.8	2.3	711.5
1951—August	..	292.6	220.2	87.6	57.0	41.6	19.9	0.8	2.4	722.1
September		292.8	219.1	87.4	57.0	41.5	19.7	0.8	2.4	720.7
October p ..		293.7	219.4	86.9	57.3	41.4	19.7	0.8	2.4	721.6
November p		295.2	220.2	87.0	57.1	41.5	19.8	0.8	2.4	724.0
December p		293.4	218.4	86.6	57.2	41.7	20.1	0.8	2.4	720.6
PERSONS.										
1939—July	..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1949—May(b)	..	991.3	691.8	319.9	207.2	150.6	76.2	4.9	9.3	2,451.2
1950—June	..	1,019.3	720.7	333.5	220.0	160.4	77.8	5.4	9.8	2,546.9
1951—June	..	1,049.1	745.4	345.4	227.0	166.9	80.5	5.4	10.6	2,630.3
1950—August	..	1,022.4	721.1	335.8	221.6	161.3	77.0	5.4	10.0	2,554.6
September		1,026.6	722.5	337.3	222.9	162.1	77.0	5.4	10.1	2,563.9
October(c)		1,031.9	702.3	336.7	217.4	162.2	77.3	5.4	10.4	2,543.6
November(c)		1,037.5	715.9	337.5	224.1	163.5	78.0	5.4	10.5	2,572.4
December ..		1,041.2	733.9	336.4	224.3	164.3	79.7	5.3	10.6	2,595.7
1951—August	..	1,051.3	744.4	348.7	226.6	167.1	79.9	5.5	10.5	2,634.0
September		1,049.3	742.1	347.6	226.1	166.9	80.0	5.4	10.3	2,627.7
October p ..		1,052.6	742.1	346.7	226.6	167.2	79.9	5.4	10.2	2,630.7
November p		1,060.2	744.5	347.1	227.0	168.1	80.7	5.3	10.2	2,643.1
December p		1,058.0	743.6	342.5	227.4	168.4	81.1	5.3	10.2	2,636.5

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp. See also footnotes on page 6.

(b) Figures for June, 1949, were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute (27th June to 15th August). (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.(a)

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic- to- ria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia.			Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
							Males.	Females.	Persons.		
Monthly Averages.											
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1944-45 ..	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	515.5	211.7	(b)727.2	1,383	1,293
1945-46 ..	300.9	245.9	63.0	60.9	29.1	18.4	524.8	193.4	718.2	1,366	1,264
1946-47 ..	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1,475	1,347
1947-48 ..	349.8	268.1	73.0	71.1	34.0	20.3	611.5	204.8	816.3	1,553	1,397
1948-49 p ..	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598	1,408
1949-50 p ..	358.8	281.5	79.6	75.7	36.6	21.9	636.9	217.2	854.1	1,624	1,386
1950-51 p ..	379.0	290.4	83.2	80.8	38.6	22.2	664.8	229.4	894.2	1,701	1,408
Monthly Totals.											
1949-50 p—											
December ..	363.0	280.3	78.3	76.0	36.5	22.0	638.0	218.1	856.1	1,628	1,391
January ..	365.5	281.0	78.1	77.0	36.8	21.8	642.7	217.5	860.2	1,636	1,395
February ..	370.2	283.1	80.1	77.1	37.0	21.8	647.6	221.7	869.3	1,653	1,406
March ..	371.6	286.3	80.2	78.1	37.4	22.4	651.7	224.3	876.0	1,666	1,413
April ..	371.0	285.4	80.3	78.6	37.4	22.6	651.8	223.5	875.3	1,665	1,409
May ..	373.7	285.8	81.0	78.8	37.9	22.7	655.8	224.1	879.9	1,674	1,413
June ..	374.4	286.4	82.5	79.1	37.9	22.5	659.0	223.8	882.8	1,679	1,413
1950-51 p—											
July ..	373.8	286.5	83.0	79.6	37.8	22.3	659.0	224.0	883.0	1,679	1,410
August ..	375.5	286.6	83.3	79.3	37.9	21.6	659.9	224.3	884.2	1,682	1,408
September ..	376.2	287.1	83.3	79.9	38.1	21.5	660.2	225.9	886.1	1,685	1,408
October(c) ..	378.0	283.2	82.9	80.0	38.2	21.3	655.9	227.7	883.6	1,681	1,401
November(c) ..	379.2	286.1	83.0	80.2	38.3	21.7	658.9	229.6	888.5	1,690	1,404
December ..	377.6	290.8	81.2	80.5	38.3	22.7	663.0	228.1	891.1	1,695	1,404
January ..	378.1	291.1	81.5	81.3	38.5	22.3	666.4	226.4	892.8	1,698	1,404
February ..	380.4	293.6	82.4	81.6	39.0	22.4	667.5	231.9	899.4	1,711	1,411
March ..	379.1	293.8	83.4	81.8	39.1	22.6	667.6	232.2	899.8	1,711	1,407
April ..	381.7	295.3	84.2	81.6	39.1	22.8	671.1	233.6	904.7	1,721	1,412
May ..	383.5	295.3	85.4	81.6	39.4	23.1	674.0	234.3	908.3	1,728	1,413
June ..	384.4	295.6	85.3	81.7	39.5	22.6	674.7	234.4	909.1	1,729	1,410
1951-52 p—											
July ..	384.8	295.5	86.2	81.7	39.5	22.2	675.3	234.6	909.9	1,731	1,408
August ..	385.4	295.2	87.4	81.6	39.5	21.4	675.3	235.2	910.5	1,732	1,405
September ..	385.2	295.6	86.8	81.4	39.0	21.5	674.0	235.5	909.5	1,730	1,400
October ..	386.0	297.5	86.0	81.8	39.3	21.3	676.0	235.9	911.9	1,734	1,399
November ..	386.9	297.3	85.3	81.9	39.4	21.5	678.8	233.5	912.3	1,735	1,399
December ..	383.9	294.9	81.2	81.9	39.1	22.0	674.1	228.9	903.0	1,718	1,383

(a) Excludes National Service trainees in camp.
dockyards—89.1. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

(b) Includes Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval

EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.(a)

(Estimated Number of Employees in Thousands.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
Monthly Averages.									
1944-45 ..	66.6	47.8	21.8	16.1	11.8	5.3	74.3	95.3	169.6
1945-46 ..	74.1	53.1	24.0	17.6	13.4	5.9	99.2	89.2	188.4
1946-47 ..	85.1	60.5	27.8	20.4	15.2	6.5	112.4	103.4	215.8
1947-48 ..	91.0	63.4	29.2	21.8	16.3	6.7	121.2	107.6	228.8
1948-49 ..	93.9	65.7	29.9	22.6	17.1	6.9	125.5	111.2	236.7
1949-50 ..	93.4	66.8	30.2	23.1	17.6	7.0	126.7	112.0	238.7
1950-51 ..	97.2	68.8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129.3	117.8	247.1
Monthly Totals.									
1949-50—									
December ..	99.9	68.2	31.4	23.4	18.5	7.3	131.2	118.2	249.4
January ..	92.8	66.6	30.6	23.3	17.7	7.0	127.4	111.2	238.6
February ..	92.5	66.8	30.3	23.2	17.4	7.1	127.0	110.8	237.8
March ..	93.7	66.9	30.3	23.2	17.7	7.0	126.9	112.3	239.2
April ..	93.8	67.1	30.1	23.2	17.6	7.0	127.0	112.5	239.5
May ..	94.4	67.1	30.3	23.4	17.7	7.0	127.0	113.5	240.5
June ..	94.0	67.3	30.3	23.4	17.7	7.1	127.1	113.3	240.4
1950-51—									
July ..	94.2	67.1	30.4	23.2	17.7	7.1	127.2	113.0	240.2
August ..	94.3	67.1	30.4	23.3	17.7	7.1	127.3	113.2	240.5
September ..	95.0	67.2	30.7	23.4	17.8	7.0	127.6	114.1	241.7
October ..	97.1	67.7	30.8	23.6	17.8	7.2	128.0	116.8	244.8
November ..	100.6	69.7	31.1	24.6	18.1	7.3	130.9	121.1	252.0
December ..	104.5	70.6	32.1	24.5	19.0	7.6	134.0	124.9	258.9
January ..	97.1	69.2	31.5	23.9	18.3	7.3	129.8	118.1	247.9
February ..	96.8	69.1	31.3	23.8	18.4	7.3	129.5	117.8	247.3
March ..	96.6	69.2	31.2	23.9	18.5	7.3	129.2	118.1	247.3
April ..	96.7	69.4	31.2	23.9	18.6	7.3	129.4	118.4	247.8
May ..	96.8	69.7	31.4	24.1	18.4	7.3	129.6	118.8	248.4
June ..	96.9	69.6	31.6	24.2	18.5	7.4	129.7	119.1	248.8
1951-52—									
July ..	96.8	69.7	31.7	23.9	18.5	7.4	129.5	119.1	248.6
August ..	96.9	69.5	31.7	24.0	18.3	7.3	129.2	119.1	248.3
September ..	96.1	69.2	31.6	23.9	18.4	7.3	128.7	118.5	247.2
October p ..	96.7	68.7	31.6	24.1	18.4	7.3	128.5	118.8	247.3
November p ..	99.1	70.1	32.0	24.1	18.6	7.4	130.0	122.0	252.0
December p ..	101.9	70.8	32.6	24.2	19.1	7.6	132.2	124.7	256.9

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service trainees in camp. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision.

(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-Roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted monthly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).							
1945-46	4,980	3,390	1,566	949	692	345	11,922
1946-47	5,851	3,970	1,773	1,152	830	410	13,986
1947-48	6,970	4,717	2,065	1,364	955	491	16,562
1948-49	8,105	5,536	2,497	1,646	1,127	576	19,487
1949-50	8,988	6,358	2,830	1,893	1,320	668	22,057
1949-50 (July-March)	8,747	6,186	2,770	1,838	1,295	648	21,484
1950-51 (,, ,)	10,855	7,516	3,353	2,276	1,572	775	26,347
1948-49—							
September Qtr. ..	7,759	5,303	2,426	1,580	1,081	537	18,686
December	8,436	5,646	2,614	1,664	1,166	582	20,108
March	7,730	5,307	2,345	1,600	1,073	569	18,624
June	8,493	5,882	2,605	1,738	1,188	616	20,522
1949-50—							
September	7,982	5,911	2,674	1,742	1,224	617	20,150
December	9,394	6,501	2,900	1,904	1,335	667	22,701
March	8,864	6,147	2,736	1,868	1,326	661	21,602
June	9,713	6,873	3,012	2,056	1,395	726	23,775
1950-51—							
September	9,989	7,042	3,156	2,120	1,495	709	24,511
December	11,189	7,649	3,472	2,265	1,578	775	26,928
March	11,387	7,857	3,431	2,443	1,643	842	27,603
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT (£).(c)							
1945-46	6.68	6.72	6.04	5.98	6.15	5.76	6.48
1946-47	6.93	7.00	6.10	6.29	6.30	6.04	6.71
1947-48	7.85	7.93	6.67	7.10	6.98	6.81	7.55
1948-49	8.87	9.02	7.74	8.18	7.93	7.63	8.57
1949-50	9.68	10.00	8.49	9.00	8.85	8.60	9.45
1949-50 (July-March)	9.27	9.79	8.36	8.83	8.75	8.39	9.27
1950-51 (,, ,)	11.27	11.50	9.69	10.35	10.11	9.77	10.90
1948-49—							
September Qtr. ..	8.58	8.76	7.55	7.98	7.72	7.26	8.33
December	9.24	9.24	8.13	8.31	8.21	7.78	8.89
March	8.41	8.60	7.33	7.91	7.54	7.47	8.18
June	9.24	9.46	7.97	8.50	8.24	8.01	8.95
1949-50—							
September	9.01	9.49	8.16	8.56	8.39	8.08	8.91
December	10.06	10.28	8.71	9.12	9.02	8.61	9.73
March	9.40	9.60	8.21	8.80	8.84	8.46	9.16
June	10.23	10.62	8.87	9.52	9.14	9.21	9.97
1950-51—							
September	10.46	10.86	9.14	9.70	9.72	9.07	10.22
December	11.58	11.76	10.03	10.31	10.15	9.78	11.16
March	11.75	11.86	9.89	11.05	10.44	10.44	11.33

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units (i.e., total male employment plus 45 per cent. of total female employment).

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944* (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1951*), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

Period.	Unemployment.							Sickness.	Special.(d)
	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	Australia.(e)	Australia.(e)
Monthly Averages.									
1946-47	1,815	1,697	4,610	206	1,032	78	9,438	8,083	288
1947-48	637	140	2,640	49	390	32	3,888	8,538	517
1948-49	282	32	1,094	15	121	31	1,575	7,614	591
1949-50	8,327	123	1,371	241	155	30	10,247	7,585	897
1950-51	287	71	326	6	59	14	763	7,059	863
Monthly Totals.									
1949-50—									
January	407	101	1,143	38	92	23	1,804	7,078	807
February	381	112	1,359	37	96	28	2,013	7,588	824
March	315	105	1,567	30	70	24	2,111	7,713	852
April	305	144	1,320	29	81	23	1,902	7,381	842
May	287	125	733	27	91	26	1,289	7,506	836
June	335	151	568	32	108	32	1,226	7,491	908
1950-51—									
July	513	164	437	6	101	26	1,247	7,841	880
August	250	54	200	5	75	24	608	7,730	908
September	220	51	120	8	54	26	479	7,576	898
October	243	67	127	7	45	17	506	7,595	892
November	214	137	145	6	58	11	571	7,212	873
December	450	129	268	8	63	10	928	6,370	808
January	179	46	401	5	64	9	704	6,326	832
February	170	30	703	6	54	11	974	6,890	859
March	433	43	646	5	54	9	1,190	6,622	838
April	266	48	291	4	53	8	670	6,540	800
May(e)	261	45	309	3	46	7	671	6,960	850
June	246	32	263	3	50	10	604	7,044	921
1951-52—									
July	233	198	137	5	49	8	630	7,145	940
August	121	45	138	9	45	9	367	7,273	950
September	102	206	148	4	38	7	505	7,006	955
October	118	24	210	6	31	3	392	7,066	962
November	152	51	483	4	26	3	719	6,318	963
December	336	126	1,551	4	47	3	2,067	5,562	858
January	336	53	2,190	3	48	5	2,635	5,942	981

(a) Last Saturday of month.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(d) Excludes new Australians.

(e) Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. From May, 1951, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—*continued.*

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.			Amount Paid in Benefits.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unemployment.		Sickness.	Special—	
				£	£		New Australians.	Ordinary.
Monthly Averages.								
1946-47 ..	6,115	433	6,548	75,902	59,280	1,319	2,328	137,510
1947-48 ..	2,273	116	2,389	30,802	65,944	7,088	3,391	101,456
1948-49 ..	955	56	1,011	11,570	66,319		4,225	89,202
1949-50 ..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51 ..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	19,088		86,435
Monthly Totals.								
1949-50—								
January ..	1,556	67	1,623	13,398	68,678	35,825	4,160	122,061
February ..	1,006	67	1,073	8,168	60,747	28,169	4,645	101,729
March ..	877	81	958	7,289	79,810	35,841		122,940
April ..	776	103	879	12,597	56,918	29,437		98,952
May ..	467	93	560	8,608	66,330	34,517		109,455
June ..	407	96	503	7,461	77,271	32,584		117,316
1950-51—								
July ..	1,457	260	1,717	4,410	54,539	25,598		84,547
August ..	686	89	775	5,944	76,937	30,086		112,967
September ..	550	111	661	4,713	68,048	21,063		93,824
October ..	419	60	479	2,921	64,989	20,523		88,433
November ..	911	85	996	6,313	71,551	21,056		98,920
December ..	1,070	119	1,189	3,458	57,693	22,222		83,373
January ..	732	94	826	6,879	56,967	22,755		86,601
February ..	1,238	104	1,342	5,668	57,374	20,669		83,711
March ..	1,280	104	1,384	8,417	65,428	8,995		82,840
April ..	1,063	89	1,152	7,689	61,701	9,488		78,878
May ..	475	101	576	5,927	58,965	13,093		77,985
June ..	695	112	807	105	51,524	13,505		65,134
1951-52—								
July ..	870	109	979	4,024	50,463	6,531		61,018
August ..	475	73	548	3,932	68,164	7,097		79,193
September ..	407	85	492	2,518	62,452	11,197		76,167
October ..	468	76	544	3,409	73,246	8,546		85,201
November ..	706	121	827	4,085	59,058	6,584		69,727
December ..	1,934	241	2,175	7,920	54,718	7,033		69,671
January ..	1,940	241	2,181	16,964	61,154	10,443		88,561

TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only regular records of unemployment available in comparable form over a considerable period are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of trade unions.

(Per cent.)

Period.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1936-37	..	12.8	10.1	7.4	9.4	6.0	8.4	10.6
1937-38	..	10.0	8.2	6.9	7.3	5.4	6.8	8.5
1938-39	..	10.3	10.0	6.0	9.4	6.5	8.9	9.3
1944-45	..	1.6	0.8	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.2
1945-46	..	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3
1946-47	..	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.1	1.4	2.3	1.4
1947-48	..	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.0
1948-49	..	0.9	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.8
1949-50 (a)	..	3.3	0.7	0.9	2.2	1.1	0.7	2.0
1950-51	..	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
1948-49—								
November..	..	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.8
February ..	..	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.8
May ..	..	0.9	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.8
1949-50—								
August (a)	..	10.2	0.9	2.7	6.5	1.3	0.7	5.5
November..	..	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
February ..	..	1.1	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.8
May ..	..	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.7	1.5	0.8	0.8
1950-51—								
August ..	..	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.8
November..	..	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.7
February ..	..	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
May ..	..	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.5	0.8
1951-52—								
August ..	..	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.7	2.3	0.6
November..	..	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.7	1.9	0.7

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : CHANGE FROM AUGUST, 1951, TO NOVEMBER, 1951.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 0.4% to 0.3% ; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 0.2% to 0.4% ; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 1.5% to 1.4% ; IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 0.4% to 0.6% ; V. Books, printing, &c., 0.2% to 0.1% ; VI. Other Manufacturing, 1.6% to 1.3% ; VII. Building, 0.8% to 1.3% ; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 2.6% to 2.7% ; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 0.6% to 0.7% ; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 0.3% to 0.4% ; All groups, 0.6% to 0.7%.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—					Fuels and Lubricants.	Auxiliary Aids to Production.	Munitions and War Stores.
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.	Manufacturing.	Total.			
	Class Ia.	Class Ib.	Class Ic.	Class I.	Class II.			
Monthly Averages.								
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7	3,435	39.9	3,925	45.6
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5	4,285	40.2	4,912	46.1
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8	3,599	38.2	4,155	44.1
1944-45 ..	205	1.2	181	1.0	6,139	34.7	6,525	36.9
1945-46 ..	258	1.8	348	2.4	5,438	36.8	6,044	41.0
1946-47 ..	405	2.3	316	1.8	7,595	43.8	8,316	47.9
1947-48 ..	727	2.6	289	1.0	12,362	43.9	13,378	47.5
1948-49 ..	1,194	3.5	318	0.9	13,545	39.2	15,057	43.6
1949-50 ..	2,026	4.5	431	1.0	14,438	32.3	16,895	37.8
1950-51 p ..	3,416	5.5	416	0.7	23,479	38.0	27,311	44.2
Monthly Totals.								
1949-50—								
January ..	2,113	4.8	273	0.6	13,275	29.8	15,661	35.2
February	2,251	5.1	497	1.1	12,960	29.5	15,708	35.7
March ..	2,900	5.4	400	0.7	17,089	31.9	20,389	38.0
April ..	1,931	4.4	442	1.0	13,344	30.4	15,717	35.8
May ..	2,727	4.4	413	0.7	19,313	31.3	22,453	36.4
June ..	2,287	4.7	387	0.8	16,177	33.6	18,851	39.1
1950-51 p—								
July ..	2,465	4.9	347	0.7	17,787	35.1	20,599	40.7
August ..	3,739	5.8	675	1.1	22,462	35.1	26,876	42.0
September	2,666	4.7	655	1.2	20,171	35.4	23,492	41.3
October	2,762	5.0	490	0.9	19,394	35.6	22,646	41.5
November	2,807	4.8	601	1.0	22,080	37.8	25,488	43.6
December	3,039	6.1	430	0.9	18,898	38.2	22,367	45.2
January ..	3,918	6.3	240	0.4	21,730	34.9	25,888	41.6
February	3,967	5.9	352	0.5	23,522	34.9	27,841	41.3
March ..	3,546	6.1	164	0.3	22,662	38.8	26,372	45.2
April ..	4,113	6.1	363	0.5	27,296	40.1	31,772	46.7
May ..	3,581	4.7	280	0.4	33,452	44.0	37,313	49.1
June ..	4,380	5.8	398	0.5	32,291	42.6	37,069	48.9
1951-52 p—								
July ..	3,232	4.0	422	0.5	36,818	45.6	40,472	50.1
August ..	5,175	6.4	698	0.9	32,835	41.0	38,708	48.3
September	5,183	5.5	465	0.5	42,478	44.7	48,126	50.7
October ..	6,367	5.7	495	0.4	45,293	40.8	52,155	46.9
November	4,714	4.8	846	0.9	37,711	38.6	43,271	44.3
December	5,638	8.3	667	1.0	27,162	39.7	33,467	49.0
January ..	8,144	6.9	620	0.5	46,944	39.9	55,708	47.3

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumers' Goods.							
	Transport Equipment.						Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.		Total.	
	Producers' Equipment.		Road Vehicles and Complete Parts.	Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.										
	Class IV.		Class V. B.	Class V. A, C, D.			Class VI. A, B, C.	Class VI. D.	Class VI. E-J.		Class VI.			
Monthly Averages.														
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.2	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,157	13.4	1,719	19.9
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.9	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,299	12.3	1,898	17.9
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,217	12.9	1,865	19.8
1944-45 ..	1,263	7.2	1,667	9.4	72	0.4	608	3.4	115	0.7	881	5.0	1,604	9.1
1945-46 ..	1,179	8.0	970	6.5	105	0.7	636	4.3	51	0.3	940	6.4	1,627	11.0
1946-47 ..	1,435	8.3	1,544	8.9	231	1.3	868	5.0	107	0.6	1,777	10.2	2,752	15.8
1947-48 ..	2,393	8.5	2,437	8.6	172	0.6	1,617	5.7	280	1.0	3,330	11.9	5,227	18.6
1948-49 ..	3,409	9.9	4,231	12.2	355	1.0	1,619	4.7	614	1.8	3,714	10.9	5,947	17.4
1949-50 ..	5,297	11.9	8,643	19.3	497	1.1	2,163	4.8	578	1.3	4,233	9.5	6,974	15.6
1950-51 p ..	6,675	10.8	9,239	14.9	1,137	1.8	2,871	4.7	745	1.2	5,893	9.5	9,509	15.4
Monthly Totals.														
1949-50—														
January ..	5,565	12.5	8,912	20.0	470	1.1	2,440	5.5	612	1.4	4,000	9.0	7,052	15.9
February ..	4,777	10.9	8,664	19.7	589	1.3	2,359	5.3	618	1.4	3,489	8.0	6,466	14.7
March ..	6,871	12.8	11,046	20.5	809	1.5	2,455	4.6	666	1.2	5,079	9.5	8,200	15.3
April ..	5,334	12.1	10,499	23.9	363	0.8	1,904	4.3	488	1.1	3,950	9.0	6,342	14.4
May ..	7,694	12.5	13,647	22.1	783	1.3	3,021	4.9	509	0.8	5,845	9.5	9,375	15.2
June ..	5,272	10.9	8,776	18.2	955	2.0	3,289	6.8	413	0.9	4,431	9.2	8,133	16.9
1950-51 p—														
July ..	5,900	11.6	9,087	18.0	684	1.3	3,238	6.4	499	1.0	4,799	9.5	8,536	16.9
August ..	7,702	12.0	11,102	17.4	730	1.1	2,804	4.4	690	1.1	6,852	10.7	10,346	16.2
September ..	5,992	10.5	10,034	17.6	1,363	2.4	2,007	3.5	722	1.3	5,504	9.7	8,233	14.5
October ..	6,000	11.0	8,440	15.5	673	1.2	2,432	4.4	586	1.1	5,763	10.6	8,781	16.1
November ..	6,466	11.1	8,328	14.3	1,269	2.2	2,642	4.5	747	1.3	5,797	9.9	9,186	15.7
December ..	5,226	10.5	6,965	14.1	1,256	2.5	2,287	4.6	524	1.1	4,424	8.9	7,235	14.6
January ..	6,475	10.4	10,106	16.3	896	1.4	3,149	5.1	890	1.4	5,808	9.4	9,847	15.9
February ..	8,822	13.1	10,692	15.9	1,043	1.6	2,893	4.3	846	1.3	5,854	8.6	9,593	14.2
March ..	6,038	10.3	8,768	15.0	2,037	3.5	2,617	4.5	1,020	1.7	5,316	9.1	8,953	15.3
April ..	6,748	9.9	8,864	13.0	1,243	1.8	2,722	4.0	830	1.2	6,471	9.5	10,023	14.7
May ..	7,682	10.1	9,469	12.5	679	0.9	3,962	5.2	741	1.0	6,596	8.7	11,299	14.9
June ..	7,055	9.3	9,010	11.9	1,770	2.3	3,695	4.9	850	1.1	7,533	9.9	12,078	15.9
1951-52 p—														
July ..	7,027	8.7	9,250	11.5	1,321	1.6	4,659	5.8	736	0.9	6,944	8.6	12,339	15.3
August ..	9,270	11.5	10,049	12.5	1,278	1.6	3,443	4.3	831	1.1	8,116	10.1	12,390	15.5
September ..	8,876	9.3	9,780	10.3	1,421	1.5	3,815	4.0	1,399	1.5	9,260	9.8	14,474	15.3
October ..	10,985	9.9	14,083	12.7	1,958	1.8	4,327	3.9	1,560	1.4	12,115	10.9	18,002	16.2
November ..	9,795	10.0	13,582	13.9	2,110	2.2	3,687	3.8	1,558	1.6	10,666	10.9	15,911	16.3
December ..	7,210	10.6	8,087	11.8	1,053	1.5	2,039	3.0	1,065	1.6	7,340	10.7	10,444	15.3
January ..	11,374	9.7	13,992	11.9	2,864	2.4	3,096	2.6	1,785	1.5	10,587	9.0	15,468	13.1

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)			Finished Consumers' Goods. (Class VI.)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)				
	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.	
Monthly Averages.											
1936-37..	..	1,024	373	2,528	45	303	1,371	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38..	..	1,241	449	3,222	48	300	1,550	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39..	..	1,100	351	2,704	55	309	1,501	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1944-45..	..	1,320	632	4,573	106	380	1,118	1,426	2,930	13,318	17,674
1945-46..	..	1,810	631	3,603	75	485	1,067	1,885	3,048	9,825	14,758
1946-47..	..	2,422	795	5,099	109	634	2,009	2,531	3,321	11,510	17,362
1947-48..	..	2,903	1,803	8,672	107	1,110	4,010	3,010	5,872	19,292	28,174
1948-49..	..	3,273	2,059	9,725	133	899	4,915	3,406	6,738	24,361	34,505
1949-50..	..	3,916	1,777	11,202	180	1,277	5,517	4,096	7,851	32,730	44,677
1950-51p	..	7,012	3,185	17,114	273	1,600	7,636	7,285	10,961	43,577	61,823
Monthly Totals.											
1949-50—											
January	..	3,716	1,540	10,405	120	1,563	5,369	3,836	8,536	32,091	44,463
February	..	3,773	1,579	10,356	194	1,373	4,899	3,967	8,538	31,466	43,971
March	..	4,853	2,053	13,483	215	1,157	6,828	5,068	8,059	40,576	53,703
April	4,724	1,307	9,686	227	988	5,127	4,951	6,962	32,014	43,927
May	5,686	2,342	14,425	234	1,812	7,329	5,920	10,395	45,339	61,654
June	5,616	1,831	11,404	310	2,196	5,627	5,926	9,360	32,924	48,210
1950-51 p—											
July	4,064	2,939	13,596	237	2,299	6,000	4,301	10,119	36,187	50,607
August	6,067	2,811	17,998	218	1,587	8,541	6,285	10,661	47,052	63,998
September	6,250	2,506	14,736	175	1,173	6,885	6,425	10,108	40,369	56,902
October	5,553	2,926	14,167	447	1,201	7,133	6,000	10,057	38,493	54,550
November	7,337	2,545	15,606	208	1,717	7,261	7,545	10,117	40,682	58,344
December	5,763	2,274	14,330	194	1,205	5,836	5,957	7,943	35,641	49,541
January	5,600	2,633	17,655	128	2,045	7,674	5,728	11,244	45,234	62,206
February	6,925	3,363	17,553	377	1,543	7,673	7,302	12,376	47,703	67,381
March	8,144	2,942	15,286	352	1,253	7,348	8,496	9,002	40,874	58,372
April	10,053	3,733	17,986	311	1,407	8,305	10,364	12,228	45,488	68,080
May	10,159	5,186	21,968	343	2,068	8,888	10,502	14,445	51,100	76,047
June	8,227	4,360	24,482	289	1,700	10,089	8,516	13,231	54,096	75,843
1951-52 p—											
July	14,925	4,141	21,406	649	2,525	9,165	15,574	13,902	51,236	80,712
August	6,159	5,934	26,615	633	1,482	10,275	6,792	14,480	58,895	80,167
September	7,083	5,501	35,542	524	1,674	12,276	7,607	14,809	72,517	94,933
October	10,439	7,707	34,009	669	1,574	15,759	11,108	16,585	83,396	111,089
November	7,625	5,926	29,720	294	1,591	14,026	7,919	15,612	74,118	97,649
December	5,386	3,825	24,256	143	765	9,536	5,529	9,895	52,914	68,338
January	10,808	7,976	36,924	251	1,366	13,851	11,059	19,678	87,073	117,810

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and Skins.	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Exports (Exclud- ing Gold).
Monthly Averages.										
1936-37 ..	5,209	2,029	734	309	861	609	402	172	165	12,374
1937-38 ..	3,915	2,245	898	336	1,021	516	409	224	171	11,806
1938-39 ..	3,561	1,106	1,074	348	982	342	356	239	169	10,212
1944-45 ..	4,116	1,374	688	155	1,176	550	463	298	26	12,927
1945-46 ..	5,772	1,463	1,023	268	1,168	986	352	179	105	16,404
1946-47 ..	10,511	2,406	1,048	235	1,761	1,228	904	202	129	25,746
1947-48 ..	12,396	7,053	1,719	264	1,882	1,030	1,148	213	324	33,832
1948-49 ..	19,283	8,202	1,984	1,108	(a)2,388	1,017	1,856	288	260	45,217
1949-50 ..	26,096	7,376	2,056	1,185	2,854	1,263	1,416	241	328	51,131
1950-51 p..	52,959	8,943	1,454	1,237	2,539	2,278	1,713	391	478	81,984
Monthly Totals.										
1949-50—										
January ..	33,675	3,588	2,922	588	2,141	1,131	697	49	25	52,241
February ..	28,590	8,632	7,988	923	3,546	1,294	1,219	63	85	61,110
March ..	38,899	8,727	1,826	700	2,175	1,619	2,488	48	160	66,781
April ..	27,804	7,314	1,705	702	2,009	1,117	1,385	241	793	50,120
May ..	42,448	13,417	2,160	911	2,559	1,661	2,287	548	1,126	77,782
June ..	22,367	6,477	1,390	384	2,973	1,302	1,386	435	841	47,595
1950-51 p—										
July ..	27,301	6,097	347	406	2,720	1,261	1,144	933	239	49,144
August ..	13,056	7,727	508	2,120	1,772	2,125	1,021	335	288	38,447
September ..	16,427	10,790	772	2,101	2,858	2,030	2,105	386	114	46,478
October ..	53,874	10,791	1,461	1,620	2,688	2,367	2,014	389	258	86,664
November ..	66,352	9,420	1,823	1,730	2,088	1,935	2,123	178	124	95,962
December ..	51,082	5,828	3,139	1,700	1,741	1,716	331	117	59	72,129
January ..	70,677	9,883	2,255	1,315	2,063	1,855	1,348	63	87	99,421
February ..	54,322	8,138	3,765	1,958	2,993	2,885	705	45	106	84,951
March ..	69,735	8,371	1,299	887	2,137	2,232	563	46	335	94,832
April ..	101,866	8,641	1,012	368	2,679	3,414	2,926	505	1,171	136,177
May ..	65,627	10,557	642	375	3,563	3,202	1,994	726	1,671	99,741
June ..	45,194	11,077	420	261	3,165	2,316	4,282	967	1,286	79,866
1951-52 p—										
July ..	27,002	9,557	242	1,263	3,808	1,757	1,518	921	361	58,294
August ..	10,818	11,671	119	2,105	4,062	1,717	2,346	520	312	45,866
September ..	11,248	9,172	29	799	3,016	1,266	2,960	431	111	39,194
October ..	26,333	9,738	182	950	3,084	1,668	1,717	462	134	57,600
November ..	36,741	6,916	1,035	1,088	2,874	1,732	2,708	237	125	67,338
December ..	31,121	3,298	361	217	2,327	1,088	1,278	114	52	50,267
January ..	36,721	5,464	991	30	2,412	1,572	1,155	97	72	64,542

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945) the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	In- clud- ing Gold.
Percentage Dis- tribution of Base Aggregate } (e)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00
} (f)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..
1936-37	..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116
1937-38	..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102
1938-39	..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82
1944-45	..	117	154	147	129	122	172	128	151	147	120	130
1945-46	..	117	213	147	196	123	213	137	161	152	122	148
1946-47	..	173	305	173	308	139	264	152	361	334	122	209
1947-48	..	287	420	193	372	146	320	157	436	364	122	296
1948-49	..	365	413	233	478	171	343	162	499	421	122	348
1949-50	..	473	400	250	421	196	369	176	400	479	164	399
1950-51	..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690
1949-50—												
December	..	456	394	250	427	200	345	172	363	499	176	390
January	..	562	395	250	432	200	394	172	363	500	176	444
February	..	536	409	250	435	200	394	172	363	499	176	434
March	..	524	420	250	411	200	394	185	363	498	176	429
April	..	(g) 554	443	250	417	200	394	185	363	490	176	448
May	..	611	441	250	456	200	394	185	363	490	176	478
June	..	592	435	250	494	200	394	185	363	486	176	471
1950-51—												
July	..	(g) 592	424	271	496	205	394	187	363	490	176	472
August	..	864	423	271	547	205	394	187	363	578	176	609
September	..	890	419	271	675	205	394	187	363	632	176	631
October	..	890	427	271	681	208	394	187	354	663	176	634
November	..	965	436	271	704	208	394	187	354	693	176	674
December	..	973	437	271	700	208	394	187	354	719	176	678
January	..	1,252	430	271	713	208	426	187	354	838	176	816
February	..	1,339	423	271	714	208	426	187	354	1,041	176	859
March	..	1,437	428	271	739	208	426	303	354	1,010	176	912
April	..	1,094	443	271	774	208	426	303	354	829	176	747
May	..	973	445	271	771	219	426	303	354	811	176	689
June	..	717	447	271	751	219	426	303	354	726	176	562
1951-52—												
July	..	(g) 717	449	291	842	237	426	303	354	616	176	572
August	..	p 551	452	291	842	237	426	303	354	521	176	p 490
September	..	p 498	445	291	862	237	426	303	354	541	176	p 465
October	..	p 686	416	291	869	271	426	303	483	575	176	p 556
November	..	rp 603	416	291	835	271	426	303	483	566	176	r p 512
December	..	p 581	416	291	p 860	271	426	303	483	561	176	p 503

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.
calf skins. (e) For All Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37.
(g) Nominal.

(c) Sultanas, lexiyas, currants. (d) Cattle hides.
(f) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND “OTHER GROUPS”.

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 18 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951. Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year ended June—	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1937	122	108	115	1951—January ..	1,252	368	771
1938	99	105	102	February ..	1,339	369	811
1939	79	87	83	March ..	1,437	377	860
1944	117	118	117	April ..	1,094	384	708
1945	117	141	130	May ..	973	385	653
1946	117	171	146	June ..	717	383	535
1947	173	228	203	July ..	(a) 717	400	544
1948	287	280	283	August ..	p551	400	p468
1949	365	305	332	September ..	p498	400	p445
1950	473	308	383	October ..	p686	398	p529
1951	999	365	654	November ..	r p603	393	r p489
				December ..	p581	397	p480

(a) Nominal.

MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index-numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the “quantity-multipliers” are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted Average Price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

Month.	Month stated compared with same month of preceding year.						Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year.					
	1949-50.		1950-51.		1951-52.		1949-50.		1950-51.		1951-52.	
	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.
July	84	91	119	156	116	119	84	91	119	156	116	119
August	87	92	119	182	113	p87	86	92	119	168	114	p104
September	92	94	117	174	110	p80	88	92	118	170	113	p96
October	96	110	114	184	105	p84	90	97	117	175	111	p92
November	97	108	117	196	104	r p70	91	100	117	181	109	rp84
December	101	110	115	182	103	p67	93	102	117	181	109	rp81
January	104	130	112	196			94	106	116	184		
February	105	119	109	192			96	108	115	185		
March	104	119	113	226			97	110	115	191		
April	113	145	113	174			98	112	115	189		
May	116	159	112	145			100	118	114	183		
June	115	149	114	119			101	120	114	178		

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.
BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

The prices used in this index have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighing system adopted is based on the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123	141
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1949-50—											
January ..	218	189	494	199	145	241	225	193	232	197	207
February ..	218	190	490	199	146	241	225	199	237	200	211
March ..	218	190	480	200	151	243	225	199	236	201	211
April ..	219	190	498	200	154	244	227	218	236	216	222
May ..	219	190	535	200	169	244	229	214	235	215	221
June ..	219	190	525	201	183	245	230	217	238	217	223
1950-51—											
July ..	222	190	530	230	177	245	234	214	236	218	223
August (b)	224	190	558	232	191	245	237	220	240	222	227
September (b)	227	190	543	236	220	245	239	220	242	222	228
October (b)	238	190	544	236	275	246	245	221	247	225	232
November (b)	246	190	588	236	305	254	253	225	250	232	237
December (b)	256	190	596	239	338	255	258	220	255	230	237
January (b)	258	190	772	240	338	262	271	220	256	238	243
February (b)	266	195	836	251	347	279	283	228	264	249	253
March (b)	280	202	907	252	362	280	294	246	269	268	268
April (b)	280	208	703	252	329	296	286	240	268	258	261
May (b)	289	208	634	252	322	296	285	251	268	266	266
June (b)	289	208	479	254	304	311	278	276	272	279	277
1951-52—											
July ..	288	209	490	300	301	314	283	283	271	289	283
August ..	308	209	604	301	351	316	299	290	274	303	294
September ..	314	212	566	305	348	320	301	281	276	296	290
October ..	320	213	698	305	347	344	315	266	282	291	288
November ..	342	223	r 633	307	323	362	r 324	261	289	r 290	290
December ..	345	223	616	313	271	364	323	270	286	298	294
January ..	347	223	605	313	270	365	323	264	286	293	291

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) This computation includes the price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using auction room price of wool see note (b) at foot of following page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Aus- tralia.	Can- ada.	France.	India.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Sweden.	United Kingdom.	U.S.A.	
	Common- wealth Statisti- cian.	Dominion Statistician. (a)	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.	Economic Adviser to the Gov- ernment of India.	Gov- ernment Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Board of Trade.	Board of Trade.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.	
1936-37 ..	98	101	83	104	96	97	98	100	105	104
1937-38 ..	101	104	105	100	102	103	103	104	102	101
1938-39 ..	101	95	112	96	102	100	99	96	93	95
1944-45 ..	141	128	322	240	154	155	177	164	157	129
1945-46 ..	141	132	534	244	157	159	171	167	161	133
1946-47 ..	143	144	889	278	156	164	174	178	181	171
1947-48 ..	159	175	1,451	(b) 328	173	174	187	203	205	197
1948-49 ..	181	195	2,032	379	180	186	196	218	218	199
1949-50 ..	205	195	2,196	389	184	195	198	237	235	188
1950-51 ..	246	224	(c) 123	426	210	216	237	288	283	216
1950-51—										
January ..	(d) 243	227	123	414	208	216	241	293	290	221
February ..	(d) 253	233	130	423	214	218	249	299	295	226
March ..	(d) 268	236	134	439	217	221	260	306	298	226
April ..	(d) 261	236	140	458	220	224	269	312	300	226
May ..	(d) 266	236	141	457	224	230	273	312	302	225
June ..	(d) 277	237	138	457	226	233	276	314	299	223
1951-52—										
July ..	283	238	135	447	228	235	276	313	297	220
August ..	294	236	134	438	234	237	275	316	297	219
September ..	290	234	138	435	232	238	276	318	293	218
October ..	288	234	146	438	237	238		321	296	219
November ..	290	233	150	436	242	244		321	295	219
December ..	294			433	243	256		323	301	218
January ..	291					257		327	302	

(a) New series. Recomputed to the base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.
 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base : Year ended August, 1939 = 100.
 (d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using auction-room price of wool, see note (b) immediately below.

(b) "Sensitive Series" prior to July, 1947.
 (c) New Series. Base : 1949 = 100.

Note (b)—

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Legislation which became effective on 14th December, 1950, had the effect of reducing (by bounty) the price paid for raw wool for local manufacture in Australia below the open market (auction room) price. Such reductions were virtually retrospective to August, 1950, and continued until 30th June, 1951. The effective prices paid for raw wool for local manufacture (i.e., auction room price less bounty) have been used in calculating the index published on page 20 hereof. Below are shown these same indexes calculated on the auction-room prices for wool. Only the four columns shown below are affected.

Period.	Textiles.	Total Basic Materials.	Goods Principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups.
1950-51—				
August ..	737	247	229	232
September ..	752	250	230	234
October ..	753	257	233	237
November ..	797	265	240	243
December ..	805	270	238	243
January ..	996	283	246	249
February ..	1,060	296	257	259
March ..	1,131	307	276	274
April ..	927	299	267	267
May ..	848	297	273	272
June ..	688	290	287	282

RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities.						Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States.	
	Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Food, &c., and Rent ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Mis-cellaneous.	Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Mis-cellaneous ("C" Series).	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males.(a)
1936-37 ..	963	968	965	976	996	973	949	976
1937-38 ..	989	1,001	993	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,009
1938-39 ..	1,048	1,031	1,042	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015
1944-45 ..	1,179	1,053	1,129	1,746	1,211	1,270	1,333	1,050
1945-46 ..	1,187	1,054	1,134	1,777	1,212	1,278	1,343	1,051
1946-47 ..	1,208	1,054	1,147	1,873	1,225	1,309	1,423	1,087
1947-48 ..	1,333	1,056	1,222	2,013	1,279	1,393	1,565	1,123
1948-49 ..	1,531	1,058	1,340	2,264	1,349	1,528	1,757	1,150
1949-50 ..	1,664	1,063	1,421	2,626	1,443	1,669	1,913	1,147
1950-51 ..	1,998	1,076	1,626	3,044	1,597	1,906	2,298	1,206
1949-50—								
October ..	1,604	1,062	1,404	2,606	1,436	1,653	1,891	1,144
November ..	1,632							
December ..	1,670							
January ..	1,669							
February ..	1,684							
March ..	1,703							
April ..	1,735	1,065	1,466	2,764	1,473	1,730	1,976	1,142
May ..	1,741							
June ..	1,743							
1950-51—								
July ..	1,764	1,066	1,509	2,831	1,492	1,773	2,026	1,143
August ..	1,788							
September ..	1,876							
October ..	1,903							
November ..	1,931							
December ..	1,963							
January ..	2,009							
February ..	2,050							
March ..	2,085							
April ..	2,153							
May ..	2,186							
June ..	2,269							
1951-52—								
July ..	2,444	1,091	1,897	3,463	1,787	2,191	2,629	1,200
August ..								
September ..								
October ..								
November ..								
December ..								

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index-number.

RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1950 : December Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,895	1,856	1,744	1,813	1,812	1,806	1,853
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,336	2,279	2,229	2,235	2,322	2,226	2,291
"Real" .. (a) ..	1,233	1,228	1,278	1,233	1,281	1,233	1,236
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	146/-	143/-	135/-	137/-	139/-	139/-	142/-
" " " " (c)	165/-	162/-	154/-	158/-	160/-	160/-	162/-
State " " " "	(b) 146/-	(d)	(e) 139/-	(b) 137/-	(f) 146/6	(d)	..
" " " "	(c) 165/-	(d)	(g) 154/-	(h) 158/-	(i) 166/6	(d)	..
1951 : March Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	1,972	1,938	1,818	1,869	1,931	1,890	1,932
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,416	2,363	2,290	2,314	2,388	2,271	2,367
"Real" .. (a) ..	1,225	1,219	1,260	1,238	1,237	1,202	1,225
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	890	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	173/-	170/-	159/-	166/-	166/-	165/-	169/-
State " " " "	(b) 173/-	(d)	(j) 159/-	(b) 166/-	(k) 172/11	(d)	..
1951 : June Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,115	2,074	1,915	2,019	2,060	2,042	2,067
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,549	2,483	2,466	2,434	2,548	2,499	2,507
"Real" .. (a) ..	1,205	1,197	1,288	1,206	1,237	1,224	1,213
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	880	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	180/-	177/-	166/-	171/-	176/-	173/-	176/-
State " " " "	(b) 180/-	(d)	(l) 166/-	(b) 171/-	(l) 184/3	(d)	..
1951 : September Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,263	2,177	2,025	2,136	2,155	2,178	2,191
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,678	2,606	2,565	2,559	2,677	2,623	2,629
"Real" .. (a) ..	1,183	1,197	1,267	1,198	1,242	1,204	1,200
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	193/-	189/-	175/-	184/-	188/-	187/-	189/-
State " " " "	(b) 193/-	(d)	(m) 175/-	(b) 184/-	(n) 196/8	(d)	..
1951 : December Quarter—							
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)	2,368	2,293	2,181	2,244	2,243	2,283	2,303
Nominal weekly wage (a) ..	2,843	2,737	2,685	2,694	2,802	2,757	2,771
"Real" .. (a) ..	1,201	1,194	1,231	1,201	1,249	1,208	1,203
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	207/-	199/-	185/-	195/-	197/-	199/-	200/-
State " " " "	(b) 207/-	(d)	(o) 185/-	(b) 195/-	(p) 205/8	(d)	..
1952 : March Quarter—							
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	216/-	209/-	199/-	205/-	205/-	208/-	210/-
State " " " "	(b) 216/-	(d)	(q) 199/-	(b) 205/-	(r) 214/1	(d)	..

(a) Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000
 Retail prices index-numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in December, 1950.
 (d) None declared, but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (e) Payable as from 30th October. (f) Payable as from 23rd October. (g) Payable as from 7th December. (h) Payable as from 4th December. (i) Payable as from 18th December.
 (j) Payable as from 5th February. (k) Payable as from 29th January. (l) Payable as from 30th April. (m) Payable as from 30th July. (n) Payable as from 23rd July. (o) Payable as from 29th October. (p) Payable as from 22nd October.
 (q) Payable as from 4th February. (r) Payable as from 29th January.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin*, Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale price quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.		Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold. (a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1936-37	..	111	110	93	107	98	99	106
1937-38	..	99	102	101	101	109	100	102
1938-39	..	90	88	106	92	93	101	92
1944-45	..	164	132	120	141	137	121	140
1945-46	..	160	133	124	140	149	123	140
1946-47	..	181	179	131	171	175	123	170
1947-48	..	256	248	148	232	238	123	230
1948-49	..	217	291	181	244	306	123	246
1949-50	..	248	382	194	298	318	142	295
1950-51 p	..	274	728	205	469	427	178	457
1950-51 p—								
December	..	264	701	199	452	541	178	439
January	..	267	865	198	528	567	178	507
February	..	274	920	202	557	567	178	535
March	..	282	1,003	211	600	586	178	578
April	..	284	794	211	504	602	178	496
May	..	295	725	219	478	616	178	473
June	..	316	602	221	428	611	178	431
1951-52 p—								
July	..	326	601	224	432	640	178	442
August	..	329	517	224	394	645	178	409
September	..	329	474	270	383	661	178	400
October	..	331	563	278	426	650	178	438
November	..	340	7499	282	r400	669	178	r417
December	..	338	491	280	396	670	178	412
July-December, 1950 p		263	637	200	421	(b)427	(b)178	412
July-December, 1951 p		332	r524	260	r405	(c)624	(c)178	420

(a) Year ended previous December.

(b) Twelve months, 1950.

(c) Twelve months, 1951.

SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index-numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)							Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distribut- ing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscel- laneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (c)	12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1936-37 ..	989	1,059	1,010	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38 ..	1,012	1,008	1,026	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39 ..	999	933	964	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1944-45 ..	1,154	1,078	917	999	976	1,061	1,095	1,198	987	1,101
1945-46 ..	1,262	1,190	1,022	1,062	1,071	1,161	1,199	1,317	1,075	1,206
1946-47 ..	1,463	1,479	1,104	1,131	1,296	1,325	1,355	1,472	1,249	1,370
1947-48 ..	1,666	1,663	1,044	1,229	1,505	1,450	1,450	1,625	1,386	1,515
1948-49 ..	1,682	1,601	948	1,240	1,635	1,426	1,413	1,681	1,364	1,536
1949-50 ..	1,763	1,603	887	1,357	1,920	1,491	1,458	1,746	1,370	1,573
1950-51 ..	2,242	1,932	928	1,926	2,492	1,845	1,763	2,108	1,623	1,886
1949-50—										
January ..	1,791	1,632	896	1,346	1,909	1,502	1,486	1,755	1,394	1,590
February ..	1,815	1,654	901	1,378	1,988	1,532	1,495	1,793	1,415	1,619
March ..	1,869	1,677	897	1,394	2,034	1,576	1,511	1,803	1,410	1,622
April ..	1,909	1,690	890	1,450	2,122	1,616	1,557	1,835	1,431	1,649
May ..	1,915	1,698	877	1,507	2,143	1,620	1,572	1,879	1,441	1,678
June ..	1,916	1,696	876	1,564	2,151	1,621	1,574	1,892	1,439	1,683
1950-51—										
July ..	1,872	1,708	868	1,513	2,159	1,597	1,545	1,887	1,457	1,690
August ..	1,929	1,723	894	1,616	2,222	1,640	1,605	1,909	1,500	1,721
September ..	2,011	1,758	887	1,749	2,244	1,692	1,642	1,965	1,551	1,775
October ..	2,059	1,801	883	1,718	2,279	1,724	1,669	1,990	1,571	1,798
November ..	2,247	1,905	927	1,922	2,510	1,849	1,776	2,059	1,597	1,847
December ..	2,247	1,899	929	1,921	2,549	1,849	1,769	2,080	1,622	1,870
January ..	2,331	1,995	938	2,120	2,538	1,916	1,847	2,126	1,685	1,923
February ..	2,333	2,025	946	2,132	2,598	1,929	1,833	2,209	1,734	1,991
March ..	2,363	2,050	952	2,100	2,605	1,935	1,817	2,247	1,683	1,989
April ..	2,443	2,092	970	2,130	2,639	1,967	1,863	2,231	1,673	1,975
May ..	2,532	2,116	1,000	2,117	2,738	2,020	1,907	2,279	1,698	2,012
June ..	2,543	2,116	944	2,075	2,824	2,025	1,889	2,320	1,709	2,040
1951-52—										
July ..	2,510	2,093	940	1,979	2,891	2,005	1,859	2,300	1,696	2,023
August ..	2,398	2,011	906	1,936	2,941	1,933	1,777	2,255	1,646	1,975
September ..	2,281	1,908	869	1,794	2,907	1,842	1,686	2,165	1,614	1,912
October ..	2,218	1,818	886	1,830	2,874	1,801	1,674	1,988	1,523	1,775
November ..	2,133	1,701	880	1,717	2,815	1,730	1,599	1,988	1,477	1,754
December ..	2,045	1,616	866	1,599	2,774	1,664	1,538	1,906	1,427	1,686
January ..								1,849	1,381	1,634

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Primary Production Prices (All Groups).	Export Prices (including Gold).	Wholesale Prices of Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.			Retail Prices (Six Capital Cities) : "C" Series Index. (b)	Security Prices : New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies).
			Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.		
1936-37	1,064	1,144	991	980	984	973	1,022
1937-38	1,015	1,022	1,018	1,000	1,005	998	1,009
1938-39	922	834	991	1,020	1,011	1,029	969
1944-45	1,399	1,297	1,819	1,232	1,405	1,270	1,061
1945-46	1,404	1,459	1,782	1,257	1,412	1,278	1,161
1946-47	1,697	2,027	1,768	1,288	1,429	1,309	1,325
1947-48	2,298	2,834	1,924	1,448	1,588	1,393	1,450
1948-49	2,461	3,324	2,008	1,727	1,809	1,528	1,426
1949-50	2,955	3,830	2,231	1,982	2,054	1,669	1,491
1950-51	(c)4,575	6,544	2,555	2,423	2,461	1,906	1,845
1949-50—							
January .. ..	..	4,251	2,322	1,972	2,074	1,682 {	1,502
February .. ..	..	4,157	2,369	2,001	2,109		1,532
March .. ..	..	4,110	2,355	2,006	2,109		1,576
April .. ..	..	4,289	2,364	2,164	2,222		1,616
May .. ..	..	4,572	2,354	2,149	2,208		1,620
June .. ..	..	4,500	2,377	2,169	2,229		1,621
1950-51—	(c)						
July	3,424	4,510	2,359	2,178	2,231	1,773 {	1,597
August	4,120	5,787	2,403	(d)2,218	(d)2,273		1,640
September	4,182	5,993	2,422	(d)2,223	(d)2,282		1,692
October	4,185	6,018	2,468	(d)2,255	(d)2,317		1,724
November	4,411	6,395	2,503	(d)2,322	(d)2,374		1,849
December	4,387	6,430	2,547	(d)2,302	(d)2,374		1,849
January	5,071	7,715	2,558	(d)2,377	(d)2,430		1,916
February	5,345	8,114	2,640	(d)2,488	(d)2,532		1,929
March	5,778	8,604	2,688	(d)2,677	(d)2,680		1,935
April	4,957	7,076	2,675	(d)2,585	(d)2,611		1,967
May	4,731	6,534	2,683	(d)2,656	(d)2,663		2,020
June	4,307	5,349	2,715	(d)2,794	(d)2,770		2,025
1951-52—	(c)						
July	4,425	5,441	2,712	2,886	2,834	2,191 {	2,005
August	4,093	p4,684	2,745	3,027	2,943		1,933
September	4,004	p4,445	2,758	2,960	2,899		1,842
October	4,377	p5,294	2,823	2,908	2,882		1,801
November	r4,165	rp4,891	2,891	r2,904	r2,900		1,730
December	4,124	p4,805	2,859	r2,978	r2,942		1,664
January .. ..	..	..	2,859	2,932	2,909		

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items.

(c) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown. See note at head of page 24.

(d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using the auction room price of wool, see note (b) at foot of page 21.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 29.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
M o n t h l y A v e r a g e s .								
1936-37 (a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38 (a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39 (a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1944-45 (a) ..	285	213	48	80	333	293	227	520
1945-46 (a) ..	1,531	1,635	107	156	1,638	1,791	399	2,190
1946-47 ..	2,209	2,976	156	512	2,365	3,488	596	4,084
1947-48 ..	2,381	3,649	124	453	2,505	4,102	585	4,687
1948-49 ..	2,621	4,457	110	440	2,731	4,897	680	5,577
1949-50 ..	3,045	5,770	113	460	3,158	6,230	899	7,129
1950-51 ..	3,558	7,857	151	1,062	3,709	8,919	1,507	10,426
M o n t h l y T o t a l s .								
1949-50—								
December ..	2,167	4,086	93	374	2,260	4,460	641	5,101
January ..	2,873	5,246	68	263	2,941	5,509	712	6,221
February ..	3,374	6,390	125	639	3,499	7,029	982	8,011
March ..	3,446	6,774	136	499	3,582	7,273	1,084	8,357
April ..	2,829	5,470	120	539	2,949	6,009	707	6,716
May ..	3,935	7,808	178	780	4,113	8,588	1,455	10,043
June ..	3,635	7,266	132	571	3,767	7,837	1,361	9,198
1950-51—								
July ..	3,603	7,388	154	565	3,757	7,953	1,164	9,117
August ..	4,067	8,108	157	643	4,224	8,751	1,275	10,026
September ..	3,575	7,145	151	1,002	3,726	8,147	1,455	9,602
October ..	3,579	7,529	159	875	3,738	8,404	1,396	9,800
November ..	3,617	7,792	171	1,510	3,788	9,302	1,481	10,783
December ..	2,551	5,386	105	1,161	2,656	6,547	822	7,369
January ..	3,293	7,223	150	1,129	3,443	8,352	1,247	9,599
February ..	3,486	8,023	128	632	3,614	8,655	1,440	10,095
March ..	3,337	8,156	153	758	3,490	8,914	1,953	10,867
April ..	3,952	9,163	186	2,126	4,138	11,289	1,790	13,079
May ..	3,836	9,167	155	1,642	3,991	10,809	2,133	12,942
June ..	3,801	9,198	140	707	3,941	9,905	1,928	11,833
1951-52—								
July ..	3,676	8,711	193	1,269	3,869	9,980	1,812	11,792
August ..	3,780	9,545	185	1,076	3,965	10,621	2,285	12,906
September ..	2,955	6,946	200	1,818	3,155	8,764	1,423	10,187
October ..	3,199	8,295	157	981	3,356	9,276	1,908	11,184
November ..	2,748	6,686	162	1,008	2,910	7,694	1,690	9,384
December ..	1,752	4,280	105	1,823	1,857	6,103	1,685	7,788

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—The National Security (Building Control) Regulations, which operated from 5th December, 1940, placed the granting of building permits for new buildings or alterations costing more than £5,000 under the control of the Commonwealth Treasurer. Various amending regulations made the control more stringent. On 19th June, 1942, the control passed to the Department for War Organization of Industry, after which date only alterations costing less than £25 could be made without consent. From 31st August, 1945, when control passed to the Department of Works and Housing, consent was not necessary for the erection of a dwelling house costing less than £1,200 or for repairs and alterations to a residential building costing less than £150 in any financial year. As from 1st November, 1945, the Commonwealth Government relinquished control over building permits and delegated its powers under National Security Regulations to the States until State legislation had been introduced. This action has been taken in all States except Tasmania, which discontinued control over building permits from 31st December, 1946. The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations. The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.(a)			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Govern- ment.		Private.	Govern- ment. (b)		Private.	Govern- ment.		Private.
	Common- wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Common- wealth and State.	Sydney and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note A.	Common- wealth and State.	Melbourne and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas See note B.
Monthly Averages.									
1936-37	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1944-45	1,024	(c) 520	207	426	183	122	291	132	10
1945-46	1,057	(c)2,190	1,147	540	943	808	381	592	61
1946-47	1,248	4,084	(e)1,991	633	1,768	1,301	371	1,195	91
I947-48	2,003	4,687	(f)3,151	1,044	1,705	(g)1,985	545	1,650	126
1948-49	1,986	5,577	3,832	904	2,089	2,432	675	1,804	211
1949-50	2,743	7,129	4,863	985	2,625	3,101	1,067	2,218	217
1950-51	4,499	10,426	r6,807	2,004	3,610	4,519	1,498	3,187	270
1949-50—									
December Qtr. ..	2,695	6,145	4,689	842	2,381	3,104	1,050	1,881	202
March	2,504	7,529	5,182	798	2,726	3,254	1,057	2,369	214
June	3,128	8,652	5,500	1,310	3,165	3,491	1,169	2,583	256
1950-51—									
September	3,960	9,582	6,297	2,020	3,183	4,082	1,133	2,948	308
December	4,544	9,317	6,150	2,078	3,331	4,141	1,558	2,958	219
March	4,535	10,187	r6,865	2,071	3,732	4,718	1,503	2,986	225
June	4,958	12,618	r7,915	1,850	4,194	5,133	1,797	3,855	329
1951-52—									
September	4,406	11,628	r7,711	2,397	3,456	4,907	926	3,571	373
December		9,452	6,124	1,357	r2,820	3,612		2,856	207
Monthly Totals.									
1951-52—									
November ..	n.a.	9,384	n.a.	n.a.	2,281	3,639	n.a.	2,660	n.a.
December ..	n.a.	7,788	n.a.	n.a.	r3,187	3,170	n.a.	2,243	n.a.
January ..	n.a.		n.a.	n.a.			n.a.	2,229	n.a.

(a) See note (a) on page 29. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.
 (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See E and F, page 29. (f) See A, below and C, page 29. (g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
 B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale, and Borough of Shepparton.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government.(b)	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)	
	Common-wealth and State.	Brisbane and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note C.	Common-wealth and State.	Adelaide and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note D.	Common-wealth and State.	Perth and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note E.	Common-wealth and State.	Hobart and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note F.
Monthly Averages.												
1936-37	..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	32	19
1937-38	..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	31	18
1938-39	..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32
1944-45	..	203	62	35	34	80	26	52	50	7	18	13
1945-46	..	34	241	193	46	260	51	39	129	18	17	25
1946-47	..	78	455	290	57	379	105	77	187	(c)60	32	(d) 100
1947-48	..	141	557	(f)692	128	418	91	113	238	60	32	119
1948-49	..	116	610	721	99	564	132	145	338	70	47	172
1949-50	..	198	827	868	209	727	188	197	499	111	87	233
1950-51	..	391	1,106	1,061	201	1,174	r215	292	1,027	274	113	322
1949-50—												
December	Qtr.	242	695	833	237	599	147	222	396	82	102	193
March	"	112	778	851	153	864	192	206	557	120	178	235
June	"	245	964	965	207	936	265	161	723	154	36	281
1950-51—												
September	"	166	1,008	998	323	1,171	200	239	922	239	79	350
December	"	372	983	955	100	914	185	267	830	221	169	301
March	"	382	1,294	1,094	172	1,008	r185	323	931	261	84	236
June	"	644	1,140	1,196	208	1,604	r289	337	1,426	376	122	399
1951-52—												
September	"	181	1,700	1,219	445	1,096	r227	348	1,479	406	109	326
December	"		1,319	1,109	234	1,093	291	451	1,088	336	44	276
1951-52—												
November	..	n.a.	1,442	1,163	n.a.	1,543	n.a.	n.a.	1,197	362	n.a.	261
December	..	n.a.	926	866	n.a.	520	n.a.	n.a.	669	300	n.a.	243
January	..	n.a.	924	1,038	n.a.	1,269	n.a.	n.a.			n.a.	210
Monthly Totals.												

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously.
Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innsfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total	Houses.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Averages.									
1945-46 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3,615	1,758	5,373	23,580	9,806	33,386
1946-47 ..	13,740	4,148	17,888	8,924	1,578	10,502	44,745	21,255	66,000
1947-48 ..	17,638	5,138	22,776	13,307	2,389	15,696	65,459	33,588	99,047
1948-49 ..	21,875	6,922	28,797	18,331	3,932	22,263	84,172	49,065	133,237
1949-50 ..	28,086	7,982	36,068	22,443	5,251	27,694	115,347	60,992	176,339
1950-51 ..	40,118	14,587	54,705	31,157	6,227	37,384	160,925	91,446	252,371
Quarterly Totals.									
1949-50—Sept. Qtr.	23,213	6,868	30,081	20,734	3,669	24,403	88,995	50,143	139,138
Dec.	27,949	7,009	34,958	24,555	5,465	30,020	96,286	54,016	150,302
March	29,350	9,958	39,308	19,704	5,599	25,303	105,423	57,894	163,317
June	31,832	8,093	39,925	24,778	6,272	31,050	115,347	60,992	176,339
1950-51—Sept.	36,857	11,614	48,471	27,986	6,000	33,986	127,267	67,976	195,243
Dec.	38,662	13,731	52,393	33,291	6,038	39,329	135,266	77,204	212,470
March	38,905	14,273	53,178	28,851	5,322	34,173	151,685	83,406	235,091
June	46,048	18,728	64,776	34,500	7,549	42,049	160,925	91,446	252,371
1951-52—Sept. , p	48,550	16,245	64,795	38,009	9,217	47,226	r177,971	104,637	r282,608

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Averages.								
1945-46 ..	2,326	1,368	830	420	244	157	28	5,373
1946-47 ..	4,274	2,767	1,814	686	529	354	78	10,502
1947-48 ..	6,076	4,473	2,598	1,020	832	570	127	15,696
1948-49 ..	8,434	6,839	3,050	1,621	1,177	953	189	22,263
1949-50 ..	10,230	8,668	3,488	2,268	1,338	1,336	366	27,694
1950-51 ..	p12,367	12,949	4,322	3,010	2,237	2,101	398	p37,384
Quarterly Totals.								
1949-50—Dec. Qtr.	11,795	9,436	3,453	2,461	1,405	1,185	285	30,020
March	9,467	7,761	3,409	2,061	1,125	1,311	169	25,303
June	10,620	9,876	3,912	2,796	1,507	1,556	783	31,050
1950-51—Sept.	11,168	11,412	4,056	2,896	1,891	2,178	385	33,986
Dec.	13,157	13,680	4,510	3,172	2,483	1,820	507	39,329
March	11,372	11,804	4,201	2,434	2,053	2,071	238	34,173
June	p13,769	14,904	4,519	3,540	2,521	2,334	462	p42,049
1951-52—Sept. , p	p14,850	16,408	5,618	4,044	2,940	2,780	586	p47,226
Dec.	6,200			4,693	3,735		516	

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.	
COMMENCED.										
Quarterly Averages.										
1946-47	..	4,430	3,245	2,231	817	601	411	81	11,816	
1947-48	..	4,952	3,720	2,382	895	768	516	98	13,331	
1948-49	..	5,323	3,872	2,340	1,140	961	712	134	14,482	
1949-50	..	5,514	5,259	2,502	1,527	1,258	916	97	17,073	
1950-51	..	p6,292	6,551	2,675	1,991	1,742	1,030	219	p20,500	
Quarterly Totals.										
1949-50	—Dec.	Qtr.	5,875	5,444	2,379	1,407	1,208	926	109	17,348
	Mar.	"	5,933	5,339	2,367	1,578	1,240	854	94	17,405
	June	"	5,049	6,027	2,688	1,965	1,505	1,033	101	18,368
1950-51	—Sept.	"	6,136	6,731	2,746	2,194	1,616	968	122	20,513
	Dec.	"	6,058	6,936	2,408	1,948	1,597	1,037	163	20,147
	Mar.	"	6,166	5,821	2,577	1,741	1,969	1,031	228	19,533
	June	"	p6,802	6,717	2,967	2,083	1,788	1,086	364	p21,807
1951-52	—Sept.	"	p6,367	6,848	3,423	2,096	2,138	1,098	81	p22,051
	Dec.	"			2,981	1,998	2,039		64	
COMPLETED.										
Quarterly Averages.										
1945-46	..	1,398	917	846	333	215	120	15	3,844	
1946-47	..	3,047	1,858	1,937	557	448	268	37	8,152	
1947-48	..	3,715	2,962	2,300	752	693	386	68	10,876	
1948-49	..	4,466	3,570	2,338	997	811	572	81	12,835	
1949-50	..	4,692	3,900	2,362	1,226	877	713	101	13,871	
1950-51	..	p4,943	5,256	2,569	1,680	1,290	979	144	p16,861	
Quarterly Totals.										
1949-50	—Dec.	Qtr.	5,253	4,503	2,465	1,310	922	655	111	15,219
	Mar.	"	4,123	3,153	2,222	1,097	727	772	75	12,169
	June	"	4,733	4,253	2,531	1,410	1,006	805	135	14,873
1950-51	—Sept.	"	4,775	4,930	2,525	1,624	1,149	1,038	176	16,217
	Dec.	"	5,688	5,763	2,744	1,897	1,481	870	181	18,624
	Mar.	"	4,417	4,654	2,449	1,389	1,174	966	74	15,123
	June	"	p4,891	5,678	2,557	1,815	1,356	1,040	143	p17,480
1951-52	—Sept.	"	p5,030	6,081	2,878	1,768	1,380	1,071	135	p18,343
	Dec.	"			3,008	1,964	1,821		154	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.										
1945-46	..	9,200	6,135	2,441	1,559	865	1,013	188	21,401	
1946-47	..	14,737	11,680	3,627	2,654	1,521	1,557	368	36,144	
1947-48	..	19,686	14,712	3,951	3,203	1,841	2,065	491	45,949	
1948-49	..	23,113	15,921	3,958	3,940	2,439	2,575	696	52,642	
1949-50	..	26,402	21,353	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,508	
1950-51	..	p31,793	26,533	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	p80,101	
1949-50	—Dec.	Qtr.	24,276	17,393	4,218	4,156	2,949	3,073	694	56,759
	Mar.	"	26,086	19,579	4,363	4,653	3,458	3,148	712	61,999
	June	"	26,402	21,353	4,520	5,241	3,957	3,357	678	65,508
1950-51	—Sept.	"	27,763	23,154	4,741	5,809	4,421	3,280	624	69,792
	Dec.	"	28,133	24,327	4,405	5,892	4,537	3,447	606	71,347
	Mar.	"	29,882	25,494	4,533	6,259	5,332	3,512	760	75,772
	June	"	p31,793	26,533	4,943	6,529	5,764	3,558	981	p80,101
1951-52	—Sept.	"	p33,130	27,300	5,488	r6,875	6,522	3,584	927	rp83,826
	Dec.	"			5,461	6,938	6,740		836	

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Heat, Light and Power.			Metals.					
	Under-ground.	Open Cut.	Total.	Brown Coal.	Gas made in Gas-works.	Total Electricity Generated.	Pig-iron.	Ingot Steel. (a)	Zinc, Refined.	Lead, Refined including Lead Bullion. (b)	Copper, Refined. (b)	Gold, Refined.
	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	Million cubic feet.	Million kwh.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 fine oz.
Monthly Averages.												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	977	258	1,679	331	76.1	89.4	5,840	17,562	1,280	108.2
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	990	300	1,746	363	77.5	96.5	5,810	18,797	1,437	123.3
1938-39 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,051	304	1,789	391	92.1	97.4	5,819	19,416	1,457	r 135.1
1944-45 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,137	437	2,617	570	93.1	112.1	6,612	12,933	1,683	r 54.9
1945-46 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,052	461	2,663	576	75.5	87.9	6,705	12,590	1,774	r 57.8
1946-47 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,178	490	2,784	627	95.3	109.3	5,859	14,693	1,812	r 77.2
1947-48 ..	n.a.	n.a.	1,231	535	3,025	697	103.0	111.9	6,283	14,497	1,290	r 75.5
1948-49 ..	1,066	178	1,244	586	3,061	754	87.1	98.0	6,889	17,017	934	r 74.9
1949-50 ..	1,039	204	(c)1,243	636	2,908	792	91.5	101.1	6,991	15,925	978	r 71.6
1950-51 p ..	1,130	243	(c)1,373	608	3,155	870	110.4	117.7	6,475	15,828	909	r 74.2
Monthly Totals.												
1949-50—	(c)	(c)	(c)									
January ..	855	170	1,025	574	2,742	753	117.3	118.3	7,306	18,410	422	r 79.6
February	1,093	174	1,267	588	2,704	759	101.8	114.6	6,626	17,451	1,545	63.3
March ..	1,221	220	1,441	668	3,029	843	90.5	112.3	7,416	17,225	1,939	65.4
April ..	1,002	197	1,199	640	3,057	792	86.5	105.5	7,239	17,836	565	63.6
May ..	1,328	274	1,602	679	3,449	916	99.6	114.4	7,513	18,725	2,069	69.1
June ..	1,134	167	1,301	678	3,352	920	115.1	122.0	6,560	18,085	1,243	80.0
1950-51—												
July ..	1,194	185	1,379	720	p 3,333	948	103.0	104.3	7,503	17,076	527	59.7
August ..	1,334	271	1,605	707	3,471	945	120.6	125.1	7,498	17,359	742	82.2
September	1,238	249	1,487	621	3,293	877	122.2	135.9	7,244	16,042	1,325	76.6
October ..	1,295	234	1,529	565	3,247	873	138.3	133.0	7,098	16,294	1,293	78.1
November	1,318	201	1,519	443	3,098	839	118.8	131.2	5,977	9,364	1,307	73.6
December	966	209	1,175	443	2,933	803	107.4	118.1	5,689	16,128	532	78.1
January ..	p 583	p 212	p 795	569	p 2,826	812	86.8	92.9	6,702	p 16,041	p 474	p 71.7
February	933	227	1,160	557	2,575	796	86.8	97.5	6,484	14,388	520	70.6
March ..	1,053	244	1,297	640	2,856	845	99.4	107.3	6,222	17,814	846	70.0
April ..	1,161	277	1,438	629	3,129	866	115.5	129.2	5,720	16,696	598	69.0
May ..	1,202	331	1,533	704	3,497	919	111.6	116.0	5,873	17,273	2,050	100.5
June ..	1,281	278	1,559	698	3,604	918	107.0	114.9	5,688	16,108	699	59.9
1951-52 p—	r	r	r									
July ..	1,352	303	1,655	722	3,369	975	106.7	111.7	6,676	19,311	1,704	66.4
August ..	1,385	355	1,740	716	3,795	982	124.6	138.5	6,076	15,620	1,561	73.4
September	1,245	320	1,565	676	3,481	892	120.6	132.3	5,910	15,501	1,077	66.9
October ..	1,423	437	1,860	706	3,442	940	121.5	123.7	6,883	15,564	1,143	75.0
November	1,359	402	1,761	667	3,201	928	127.3	136.2	7,160	15,109	1,142	81.6
December	1,000	315	1,315	549	3,150	865	128.1	134.1	7,390	r 19,631	662	71.3
January ..				640			129.8	137.1	7,296			

(a) Excludes a very small amount produced outside New South Wales.
 Joint Coal Board. (d) Estimated.

(b) Source : Australian Mines and Metals Association.

(c) Source :

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.						Paints.		Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigera- tors.	
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Ready Mixed Paint.	Lacquers and Enamels.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas. (b)	Electric. (c)	
		Terra- cotta.	Cement.										
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Averages.													
1936-37..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	161	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
1937-38..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	170	99	4,562	3,481	749	
1938-39..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	176	96	4,538	3,894	730	
1944-45..	12.6	767	34	1,205	70.2	57.8	202	268	112	3,146	1,487	774	
1945-46..	25.4	1,961	203	1,322	74.2	60.3	451	264	134	3,864	1,839	(e) 688	
1946-47..	41.4	3,118	561	1,610	87.3	73.5	755	233	157	3,629	2,264	894	
1947-48..	48.2	3,483	1,689	1,641	93.1	84.4	977	291	190	4,438	3,309	2,532	
1948-49..	51.4	3,680	2,358	1,547	98.7	86.0	1,103	308	212	5,120	4,130	3,494	
1949-50..	50.3	3,785	r 3,387	1,529	r 101.9	97.3	1,105	330	264	5,155	3,892	3,383	
1950-51 p	54.9	r 3,802	r 4,020	r 1,790	r 103.5	r 102.3	r 108.0	441	286	6,100	4,640	3,741	
Monthly Totals.													
1949-50—	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	r	
Jan. ..	41.4	3,215	3,069	1,289	83.1	85.1	901	235	203	3,859	2,752	2,679	
Feb. ..	53.0	4,309	3,880	1,784	99.1	105.0	1,154	366	279	5,398	4,335	3,572	
Mar. ..	61.8	4,373	4,090	1,827	104.5	117.1	1,264	417	356	6,322	4,876	4,342	
April ..	48.0	3,604	3,693	1,646	92.1	98.7	1,103	312	258	5,101	3,828	3,246	
May ..	62.7	4,533	4,300	1,896	106.2	121.1	1,341	361	338	6,471	4,985	4,704	
June ..	52.8	3,611	4,069	1,571	112.9	112.6	1,263	348	316	5,731	4,091	4,593	
1950-51 p—	r	r	(f)r	(f)r	(f)r	(f)r	(f)r	(f)r	(f)r	(f)r	(f)r	(f)r	
July ..	r 51.7	3,491	3,957	1,775	95.5	99.6	1,131	367	283	6,273	4,186	3,057	
Aug. ..	r 61.9	3,868	4,271	1,855	97.1	104.8	1,191	421	301	6,894	4,486	4,143	
Sept. ..	58.4	3,982	4,272	2,070	106.6	r 113.9	1,182	432	290	6,546	4,345	3,817	
Oct. ..	59.0	4,274	4,260	1,892	112.4	115.3	1,165	493	296	6,039	4,509	3,920	
Nov. ..	61.0	4,448	4,107	1,990	108.9	111.8	1,152	505	324	6,195	5,270	4,227	
Dec. ..	45.8	3,125	3,102	1,168	94.8	80.7	804	371	228	4,896	3,655	3,131	
Jan. ..	42.3	3,056	3,057	1,351	85.3	66.7	875	310	215	4,442	2,978	2,729	
Feb. ..	53.7	4,007	3,924	1,834	91.6	99.3	1,090	450	283	6,316	5,286	3,786	
Mar. ..	53.4	3,849	3,954	1,692	98.1	102.3	1,058	479	287	6,124	5,095	4,454	
April ..	56.8	3,858	4,130	1,809	111.5	108.8	1,087	512	290	6,128	5,064	3,649	
May ..	61.3	4,035	4,695	2,050	123.0	119.4	1,132	473	338	7,070	6,179	4,175	
June ..	53.7	3,635	4,513	1,996	117.0	104.9	1,089	484	301	6,282	4,630	3,799	
1951-52p—			r										
July ..	56.8	3,664	5,039	2,083	94.5	107.8	1,176	514	330	6,616	5,132	4,823	
Aug. ..	64.8	4,133	5,328	1,696	117.7	91.3	1,217	511	357	6,793	5,790	4,947	
Sept. ..	57.7	3,967	5,326	2,041	112.6	98.7	1,177	512	343	6,360	4,804	4,904	
Oct. ..	64.2	4,622	r 5,732	2,033	120.4	122.0	1,279	523	354	7,141	5,502	5,047	
Nov. ..	62.2	r 4,233	5,763	2,013	123.0	116.8	1,221	474	352	7,368	5,313	5,772	
Dec. ..	44.7		4,668	1,685			916	298	242	5,663	3,288	3,437	
Jan. ..							288	262				12,648	

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) Average of six months' production.

(f) Partly estimated.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.			Wool Textiles.			Boots and Shoes (not rubber).	Shirts (other than Knitted), Men's and Boys'.		
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).	Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Produced by Wool Scourers and Woollen Mills.						
				Scoured Wool.(a)	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.				
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.	'000 doz.		
Monthly Averages.										
1936-37	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208	60.6		
1937-38	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176	69.9		
1938-39	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164	56.2		
1944-45	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	13.6	4.55	2.98	1,388	55.5		
1945-46	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	12.8	3.97	2.90	1,170	52.8		
1946-47	n.a.	2,117	n.a.	15.3	4.13	3.18	1,306	58.3		
1947-48	n.a.	1,960	369.2	14.8	4.28	3.42	1,351	66.7		
1948-49	n.a.	2,133	475.5	13.5	4.23	3.40	1,287	69.6		
1949-50	2,446	2,419	578.8	14.3	4.08	3.08	1,284	72.2		
1950-51 p	3,000	2,595	882.8	12.0	3.79	3.27	1,382	72.6		
Monthly Totals.										
1949-50—										
January	1,644	1,936	455.3	11.7	2.88	2.29	867	41.7		
February	3,815	2,788	616.9	15.0	4.11	3.13	1,269	70.6		
March	2,956	2,751	862.4	16.4	4.64	3.67	1,432	79.7		
April	2,274	2,283	623.1	13.0	3.75	2.87	1,182	62.0		
May	3,280	3,217	833.3	16.4	4.65	3.67	1,506	76.8		
June	2,730	2,722	894.4	17.0	4.45	3.23	1,435	74.1		
1950-51 p—										
July	3,137	2,816	694.5	13.1	3.98	3.31	1,386	67.7		
August	3,433	3,004	748.9	13.7	4.25	3.68	1,537	79.7		
September	2,994	2,777	988.7	11.3	4.20	3.44	1,480	73.2		
October	2,997	2,812	946.4	12.0	4.16	3.60	1,483	81.2		
November	3,493	3,028	946.4	12.8	4.39	3.60	1,538	92.9		
December	2,266	1,897	708.2	10.4	2.89	2.47	1,062	65.6		
January	2,356	1,768	783.7	9.3	2.77	2.53	1,001	42.2		
February	3,012	2,472	882.9	10.8	3.43	3.10	1,342	73.6		
March	2,710	2,415	990.9	12.0	3.60	3.15	1,326	70.6		
April	2,945	2,635	959.7	12.2	3.63	3.39	1,389	66.6		
May	3,583	2,790	994.9	13.0	4.04	3.50	1,542	81.9		
June	3,076	2,727	948.9	13.2	4.11	3.42	1,499	75.4		
1951-52 p—										
July	3,444	2,967	1,182.9	11.5	3.83	3.10	1,542	86.0		
August	3,493	3,188	1,270.8	10.5	4.20	3.17	1,622	105.3		
September	3,192	2,878	972.4	8.7	3.95	3.17	1,567	83.7		
October	3,584	3,145	1,052.6	10.7	4.17	3.16	1,636	103.5		
November	3,524	3,051	1,039.7	10.4	3.51	2.85	1,560	101.1		
December	2,373	2,088	546.1	8.1	2.18	1.88	1,044	76.4		
January	2,279	2,184	789.0	8.7	2.95	1.74	988	52.2		

(a) Includes carbonized wool.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Knitted Goods—Made in Knitting Mills.					
	Hosiery.			Knitted Underwear.		
	Men's and Boys'.	Women's Maids' and Girls'.	Children's.	Men's.	Women's.	Boys' and Girls'.
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
M o n t h l y A v e r a g e s .						
1936-37	83.1	157.1	49.1			156.2
1937-38	86.7	183.7	52.0			183.6
1938-39	91.9	178.0	51.0			182.0
1944-45	123.8	88.0	40.1			202.1
1945-46	95.7	99.6	45.4	41.5	98.1	30.0
1946-47	106.4	121.6	43.0	49.3	110.7	36.1
1947-48	105.5	130.6	59.8	52.3	118.2	40.9
1948-49	106.3	128.0	58.8	55.6	117.9	36.4
1949-50 p	107.5	134.6	46.5	71.3	122.8	57.0
1950-51 p	128.9	155.7	49.2	68.2	131.3	62.0
M o n t h l y T o t a l s .						
1949-50 p—						
January	70.4	89.0	26.4	50.5	88.5	38.2
February	106.7	129.0	46.9	67.0	125.4	61.7
March	114.0	167.6	49.9	84.6	153.3	76.5
April	94.8	122.0	45.5	56.8	117.8	56.2
May	134.7	172.9	58.8	79.5	145.4	66.8
June	133.8	157.4	49.8	74.0	124.0	71.3
1950-51 p—						
July	116.7	150.7	50.2	69.9	130.2	60.6
August	142.8	170.1	62.1	78.2	126.5	75.2
September	130.5	160.6	52.8	67.3	134.3	68.7
October	146.4	172.4	58.0	71.3	141.0	69.2
November	142.7	171.6	55.0	73.6	154.4	69.7
December	105.6	124.3	38.3	54.0	119.3	51.5
January	89.5	99.7	32.1	49.7	90.1	38.4
February	124.1	158.0	45.5	62.8	127.4	60.1
March	118.4	151.4	48.8	60.0	122.1	59.0
April	142.5	161.1	46.5	70.4	141.8	53.6
May	149.1	174.3	52.2	80.2	147.3	72.5
June	138.6	173.6	48.7	80.5	140.8	65.9
1951-52 p—						
July	150.3	183.1	54.1	83.0	145.2	r 61.7
August	157.9	185.0	59.5	r 92.1	154.6	88.1
September	145.4	173.6	49.0	81.0	149.4	64.3
October	163.5	197.6	57.4	95.7	175.6	77.4
November	132.8	169.5	49.3	78.8	r 150.9	r 63.6
December	102.8	121.8	35.6	56.1	117.1	39.7
January	69.8	106.4	36.5	45.6	88.6	34.6

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight). (a)						Beer. '000 gals.
			Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Milk Products. (b)	Beef (in- cluding Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pork.	Bacon and Ham. (c)	Total. (d)	
			'000 Short Tons.	'000 Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.
M o n t h l y A v e r a g e s .												
1936-37..	102.4	27.0	13,908	1,636	(e) 2,404	45.9	16.0	9.94	3.60	2.74	79.6	6,261
1937-38..	104.2	28.9	15,242	2,018	(e) 2,620	49.7	17.2	9.92	3.23	2.62	84.0	7,084
1938-39..	114.4	28.2	16,232	2,415	(e) 2,475	46.6	17.1	9.55	3.09	2.77	80.5	7,523
1944-45..	117.7	37.0	11,431	2,872	6,226	38.4	21.4	11.51	3.55	4.69	82.0	8,613
1945-46..	101.6	35.7	12,131	3,414	6,606	33.9	16.5	7.74	2.93	4.05	67.1	9,033
1946-47..	124.1	35.2	11,568	3,518	6,667	40.6	15.2	10.00	2.50	3.97	73.8	10,657
1947-48..	133.2	36.3	13,132	3,453	7,691	46.8	13.8	10.80	2.28	3.83	78.9	10,561
1948-49..	139.9	35.7	13,424	3,596	8,330	48.1	15.1	11.59	3.10	3.47	82.6	12,171
1949-50..	125.8	35.2	14,037	3,731	9,353	50.5	17.2	12.69	2.91	3.38	87.9	13,009
1950-51 p	140.8	37.9	13,322	3,713	8,702	54.3	13.7	9.38	2.85	3.11	84.5	14,452
M o n t h l y T o t a l s .												
1949-50—												
Jan. ..	119.2	34.8	17,389	4,591	12,661	41.9	22.6	11.86	2.38	2.86	82.7	14,125
Feb. ..	100.1	33.6	14,725	3,175	9,216	45.4	20.9	8.08	2.47	2.94	80.8	13,607
Mar. ..	100.1	42.0	15,126	2,833	8,457	48.4	15.9	8.03	3.28	3.35	80.2	15,322
April ..	95.1	34.5	11,146	2,316	6,223	44.8	12.8	6.34	2.92	2.95	70.8	12,432
May ..	139.2	40.1	9,484	1,790	5,579	56.8	13.8	7.19	3.08	3.21	85.3	14,834
June ..	137.3	34.2	7,169	1,349	4,680	63.4	12.8	7.17	2.99	3.01	90.5	12,881
1950-51 p—												
July ..	145.5	37.9	7,356	1,662	4,581	58.0	12.4	6.78	2.57	2.62	83.2	12,700
Aug. ..	147.6	42.8	10,378	3,037	7,045	58.1	12.2	8.41	2.39	3.01	85.2	14,104
Sept. ..	146.5	40.3	14,445	5,094	9,988	55.5	12.4	11.21	2.23	2.91	85.2	13,595
Oct. ..	142.9	38.7	19,933	7,018	13,246	52.0	12.8	16.20	2.28	2.96	87.3	14,792
Nov. ..	122.1	38.5	21,279	7,218	14,968	50.3	14.4	15.05	2.78	3.62	87.4	15,029
Dec. ..	119.9	36.2	20,658	6,212	13,622	46.9	14.9	14.13	3.79	4.23	85.5	15,079
Jan. ..	142.0	33.3	18,201	4,468	10,812	42.9	17.2	8.93	2.66	2.81	75.5	15,838
Feb. ..	132.6	34.0	13,800	2,797	8,252	47.2	16.6	7.27	3.05	2.86	78.0	13,816
Mar. ..	139.6	38.1	12,627	2,627	7,082	52.8	14.7	6.64	3.38	3.05	81.7	14,627
April ..	141.7	37.2	8,848	1,644	5,133	57.9	13.8	6.53	3.10	2.98	85.4	14,554
May ..	154.2	40.3	6,594	1,333	4,810	67.7	12.5	6.32	3.24	3.37	94.3	15,493
June ..	154.6	37.6	5,746	1,447	4,882	62.9	10.5	5.13	2.67	2.89	85.1	13,797
1951-52 p—												
July ..	168.2	39.6	7,017	2,131	5,221	62.9	10.6	4.58	2.56	3.08	84.9	14,703
Aug. ..	156.9	45.2	9,135	3,042	7,348	63.3	11.2	6.08	2.71	3.12	87.5	15,351
Sept. ..	145.9	43.2	11,541	4,653	10,677	52.5	11.3	7.76	2.57	2.62	77.8	14,318
Oct. ..	147.2	44.9	16,797	6,269	14,639	45.5	12.9	12.84	2.60	3.01	78.0	16,003
Nov. ..	143.2	43.8	16,103	6,082	14,767	44.4	16.5	15.30	2.85	3.54	83.9	15,989
Dec. ..	125.9	35.6	13,939	5,133	12,792	38.7	17.0	11.72	3.31	3.31	75.3	15,499
Jan. ..	145.1		12,381	3,698	10,003	40.6	18.0	9.94	2.70	2.36	74.4	17,179

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
 (b) Excludes casein and sterilized cream.
 (c) Cured weight.
 (d) In terms of fresh meat.
 (e) Incomplete.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a)	Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Motor Bodies.			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c.
				Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	
	'000 lb.	'000 Tons.	'000 Tons.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Averages.							
1936-37	..	1,805	36.4	90.9	3,660	478	610
1937-38	..	1,904	41.3	102.8	4,032	804	518
1938-39	..	1,939	40.8	100.0	3,426	816	715
1944-45	..	2,193	27.8	70.0	16	6	15
1945-46	..	2,208	33.7	92.1	68	163	165
1946-47	..	2,534	38.3	97.5	1,199	496	528
1947-48	..	2,502	40.4	98.8	1,874	536	786
1948-49	..	2,427	48.8	118.6	2,131	487	798
1949-50	..	2,558	51.0	123.6	2,347	333	1,116
1950-51 p	..	2,627	53.1	129.0	3,040	376	1,634
Monthly Totals.							
1949-50—							
January	..	1,985	55.3	134.8	1,332	185	709
February	..	2,542	47.2	120.6	2,420	398	1,128
March	..	2,796	57.3	141.9	2,983	496	1,394
April	..	2,435	54.4	122.8	2,595	415	1,186
May	..	2,890	61.5	152.9	3,187	419	1,326
June	..	2,480	57.6	132.8	3,298	398	1,575
1950-51 p—							
July	..	2,645	52.9	123.0	3,362	441	1,492
August	..	2,575	58.1	148.4	3,478	430	1,468
September	..	2,567	46.8	113.6	3,545	377	1,693
October	..	2,569	48.2	104.0	3,116	502	1,678
November	..	2,528	54.8	134.0	3,288	427	1,654
December	..	2,803	48.3	105.1	2,638	269	1,408
January	..	2,162	55.0	144.1	2,219	235	1,454
February	..	2,787	47.9	117.6	2,922	286	1,603
March	..	2,682	52.4	124.1	2,698	315	1,711
April	..	2,726	53.0	130.9	2,830	335	1,976
May	..	2,965	60.7	160.3	3,071	389	1,779
June	..	2,517	58.9	142.6	3,308	501	1,691
1951-52 p—							
July	..	2,741	55.1	125.7	3,397	909	2,012
August	..	2,976	52.7	154.6	3,933	634	2,020
September	..	3,989	47.1	115.5	3,385	(b)	2,171
October	..	1,382	55.1	140.0	3,664	(b)	2,195
November	..	3,095	51.0	126.3	3,682	(b)	1,867
December	..	2,394	54.2	120.8	2,797	(b)	1,460
January	..	2,410	58.4	153.5	2,203	(b)	1,493

(a) Details for 1949-50 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1950-51 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid. (b) Not available for publication.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.
(Base : 1948 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	Denmark. (b)	France. (b)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (b) (c)	Sweden. (b)	United King- dom. (d)	U.S.A. (b) (e)
1937 ..	102	60	78	98	n.a.	193	88	80	67	91	59
1938 ..	82	56	78	90	101	206	89	80	67	86	46
1948 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1949 ..	100	102	107	110	106	126	112	106	104	107	92
1950 ..	102	109	119	111	121	151	123	113	108	116	104
1951 ..		117	120	124			128	118	112	119	115
1950—			r						r		
July ..	87	109	89	105	121	147	121	75	75	111	103
August ..	96	105	120	90	102	148	125	107	105	102	110
September ..	110	113	128	113	127	150	133	114	110	118	112
October ..	114	116	127	119	132	167	139	119	114	126	115
November ..	114	116	127	123	129	170	135	120	115	126	112
December ..	110	115	122	120	131	181	124	118	112	116	112
1951—			r						r		
January ..	112	116	122	123	134	174	129	118	109	116	112
February ..	115	118	124	126	130	169	125	133	113	125	113
March ..	120	120	129	123	141	197	139	122	117	117	114
April ..	120	120	129	128	138	199	131	122	118	125	116
May ..	122	123	129	131	143	205	128	130	117	119	116
June ..	119	121	124	130	139	206	127	123	116	123	116
July ..	108	115	90	120	143	207	119	84	79	115	111
August ..	114	113	116	101	116	200	124	113	107	105	115
September ..	115	115	125	123	138	194	126	123	115	120	116
October ..	119	117	123	129	145	194	140	122	116	124	116
November ..	120	115	121	r132	137	r199	135	121	118	126	115
December ..		113	111	130			121	116	116	113	112
1952—											
January ..											112

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days. (b) Adjusted for number of working days.
(c) Excluding electricity. (d) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Including construction. (e) Excluding electricity and manufactured gas.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(a)		
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.			
Monthly Averages.						
1936-37	499	214	78	4,049	2,016	623
1937-38	535	242	80	4,594	2,283	694
1938-39(a)	562	258	79	4,509	2,077	614
1944-45	506	291	57	75	638	34
1945-46	523	333	73	177	724	163
1946-47	550	376	87	1,770	1,360	685
1947-48	593	414	100	3,562	2,397	1,192
1948-49	655	452	117	5,539	3,056	1,852
1949-50	768	496	134	9,584	4,829	2,232
1950-51	883	551	146	10,639	6,494	2,263
Monthly Totals.						
1949-50—						
January	709	477	127	7,505	3,894	2,214
February	716	482	128	9,665	4,545	2,275
March	731	486	130	12,272	5,726	2,626
April	739	489	131	9,976	4,752	2,128
May	755	497	133	14,864	6,969	2,483
June	768	496	134	12,528	5,955	1,646
1950-51—						
July	777	500	133	11,915	6,358	1,781
August	790	508	134	13,446	7,588	2,136
September	800	511	135	11,814	7,186	2,076
October	811	515	137	11,940	7,529	2,380
November	822	523	138	11,848	7,978	2,470
December	831	528	138	9,926	6,008	1,975
January	839	529	139	7,742	5,021	2,044
February	849	535	141	10,096	5,877	2,197
March	858	540	142	10,019	6,379	3,113
April	869	545	144	9,742	5,942	2,620
May	875	548	145	10,641	6,463	2,405
June	883	551	146	8,542	5,604	1,954
1951-52—						
July	895	557	146	10,691	7,019	2,188
August	912	567	148	13,556	9,441	2,735
September	921	571	149	10,795	6,347	2,397
October	934	576	151	12,145	6,537	2,500
November	944	579	152	11,866	6,835	2,187
December	956	579	153	9,879	5,406	1,789

(a) Excludes Northern Territory ; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

Period.	Freight Carried.		Passenger-Journeys.	Gross Revenue.	Net Revenue.
	Net Ton Miles.	Average haul per ton.			
	Daily Average. '000.	Miles.	Daily Average. '000.	Per Month. £'000.	Per Month. £'000.
1936-37	12,820	125.9	1,028	3,407	886
1937-38	13,976	125.0	1,048	3,632	886
1938-39	13,085	127.0	1,048	3,580	694
	(a)	(a)			
1944-45	18,389	150.0	1,457	5,869	1,056
1945-46	16,893	147.1	1,485	5,576	823
1946-47	17,406	148.4	1,368	5,303	427
1947-48	(b) 18,510	(b) 144.4	1,395	6,376	443
1948-49	(b) 19,317	(b) 146.2	1,381	7,174	89
1949-50	(b) 19,181	(b) 148.8	1,377	7,702	— 184
1950-51	(b) 19,462	(b) 148.6	1,300	8,834	— 569
1950-51—	(b)	(b)			(c)
October	18,591	142.9	1,197	7,732	— 194
November	15,492	139.3	867	6,838	— 223
December	18,217	161.0	1,214	8,480	— 417
January	18,022	145.6	1,372	9,323	— 453
February	19,962	151.8	1,433	8,702	— 869
March	18,751	158.8	1,335	9,144	— 537
April	20,457	148.3	1,456	9,400	— 477
May	20,534	145.8	1,356	10,234	— 1,279
June	20,996	153.2	1,186	10,761	— 1,279
1951-52—					
July	21,521	143.7	1,426	10,129	— 488
August	21,906	141.9	1,294	10,697	— 523
September	22,284	147.7	1,378	10,037	— 855
October	21,325	146.0	1,311	11,438	147

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS: GROSS REVENUE. (a) (£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total.
July-January, 1950-51 ..	27,017	9,537	10,658	(b) 3,689	3,987	54,888
July-January, 1951-52 ..	35,822	13,069	13,281	(b) 5,009	5,641	72,822

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. (b) Excludes Treasury transfers 1950-51, £1,517,000, 1951-52, £2,946,000.

INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

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Period.	Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from—						
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total Australia.
Monthly Averages.							
1936-37 ..	284	92	39	184	8	68	675
1937-38 ..	309	101	37	212	8	75	742
1938-39 ..	284	94	39	241	10	78	746
1944-45(a) ..	317	96	47	217	32	66	775
1945-46(a) ..	264	70	44	158	26	56	(b) 618
1946-47 ..	283	72	46	234	17	55	(b) 707
1947-48 ..	293	64	46	216	14	58	(b) 692
1948-49 ..	287	59	43	167	11	50	(b) 617
1949-50 ..	258	58	40	215	12	51	(b) 635
1950-51 ..	259	57	46	242	12	55	(b) 671
Monthly Totals.							
1949-50—							
November ..	317	52	37	259	18	60	(b) 744
December ..	310	63	43	261	10	37	724
January ..	233	48	65	251	8	37	(b) 643
February ..	276	50	47	190	7	57	(b) 629
March ..	289	42	34	260	12	47	684
April ..	238	67	38	239	6	55	(b) 643
May ..	301	48	41	222	17	55	(b) 685
June ..	225	75	39	268	16	62	(b) 685
1950-51—							
July ..	226	51	34	277	8	64	660
August ..	320	81	42	280	19	65	807
September ..	341	50	58	287	12	65	813
October ..	292	72	45	217	4	46	676
November ..	298	40	65	210	24	48	685
December ..	285	53	43	214	7	41	643
January ..	156	57	35	250	10	46	554
February ..	171	43	45	206	10	52	(b) 527
March ..	219	49	27	249	13	48	605
April ..	263	56	58	212	9	50	648
May ..	296	64	54	285	5	67	771
June ..	244	72	45	222	16	59	658
1951-52—							
July ..	307	69	39	254	27	31	727
August ..	383	67	48	258	14	64	(b) 835
September ..	317	49	65	264	20	70	(b) 786
October ..	314	89	67	260	10	36	(b) 777
November p..	334	62	72	253	21	40	782

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.
Northern Territory.

(b) Includes

OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

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Period.	Discharged.			Shipped.								
	Tons	Weight.	Tons	Measure.	Total	(Tons W and M).	Tons	Weight.	Tons	Measure.	Total	(Tons W and M).
	Monthly Averages.											
1936-37	304		169		473		419		78		497	
1937-38	364		190		554		478		91		569	
1938-39	350		183		533		428		91		519	
1944-45(a)	362		150		512		251		151		402	
1945-46(a)	384		139		523		202		121		323	
1946-47	348		116		464		259		112		371	
1947-48	415		160		575		374		104		478	
1948-49	488		214		702		452		114		566	
1949-50	641		298		939		422		116		538	
1950-51	757		333		1,090		450		108		558	
Monthly Totals.												
1949-50—												
November ..	575		254		829		329		100		429	
December ..	568		296		864		343		100		443	
January ..	680		343		1,023		336		81		417	
February ..	506		254		760		432		95		527	
March ..	766		365		1,131		471		140		611	
April ..	638		334		972		463		124		587	
May ..	780		378		1,158		527		144		671	
June ..	576		291		867		377		117		494	
1950-51—												
July	777		342		1,119		360		104		464	
August	852		353		1,205		479		95		574	
September ..	766		310		1,076		537		122		659	
October	721		308		1,029		440		109		549	
November ..	725		315		1,040		388		113		501	
December ..	680		319		999		405		116		521	
January ..	868		400		1,268		455		71		526	
February ..	687		352		1,039		417		74		491	
March	772		322		1,094		511		105		616	
April	664		358		1,022		448		134		582	
May	809		312		1,121		462		142		604	
June	762		297		1,059		505		112		617	
1951-52—												
July	740		287		1,027		450		108		558	
August	898		395		1,293		458		73		531	
September ..	818		437		1,255		383		75		458	
October	868		464		1,332		414		102		516	
November p ..	837		419		1,256		376		110		486	

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
			Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Averages.				
1936-37	1,318	938	440	595
1937-38	1,396	1,056	465	630
1938-39	1,447	1,130	488	662
1944-45	2,323	(c) 1,480	578	828
1945-46	2,371	1,506	607	856
1946-47	2,484	1,771	648	905
1947-48	2,616	1,833	688	963
1948-49	2,776	1,919	734	1,028
1949-50	3,196	2,030	793	1,110
1950-51	3,732	2,110	864	1,209
Monthly Totals.				
1949-50—				
February	3,333	1,999	772	1,080
March	3,582	2,008	777	1,087
April	2,916	2,010	781	1,093
May	3,704	2,019	788	1,102
June	3,550	2,030	793	1,110
1950-51—				
July	3,020	2,043	799	1,118
August	3,596	2,026	805	1,126
September	3,276	2,029	810	1,134
October	3,605	2,047	817	1,143
November	3,563	2,057	823	1,151
December	3,997	2,064	828	1,158
January	3,574	2,068	833	1,167
February	3,710	2,075	839	1,174
March	3,695	2,075	844	1,182
April	4,099	2,086	851	1,191
May	4,361	2,092	858	1,200
June	4,284	2,110	864	1,209
1951-52—				
July	4,346	2,228	870	1,218
August	4,555	2,246	877	1,228
September	4,090	2,257	883	1,236
October	5,203	2,247	889	1,245
November	4,775	2,241	894	1,253
December	5,309	2,245	899	1,259
January	4,840		904	1,266
February	5,023			

(a) Actual collections.
are included.

(b) Includes Papua.

(c) Commencing in July, 1942, licences for receivers in excess of one

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

(£ million.)

Period.	Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (a)							
	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.					
Monthly Averages. Totals complete.								
1936-37	15.4	21.8	37.2					
1937-38	16.9	23.6	40.5					
1938-39	16.4	23.4	39.8					
1944-45	19.3	33.0	52.3					
1945-46	22.3	33.4	55.7					
1946-47	24.6	42.2	66.8					
1947-48	26.2	53.3	79.5					
1948-49	30.3	63.1	93.4					
1949-50	38.0	72.2	110.2					
1950-51	45.6	94.9	140.5					
Taxable Sales—Rates.								
	8½%	10%	12½%	20%	25%	33½%	50%	66½%
1950-51—	39.2	..	..	..	0.7	..	..	..
	40.1	..	..	..	0.7	..	..	..
	41.6	..	..	..	0.8	..	..	..
	44.3	2.4	..	..	1.2	1.0	..	..
	38.9	6.7	..	..	1.0	2.9	..	..
	36.4	6.0	..	..	1.0	3.0	..	..
	30.4	4.4	..	..	0.8	2.0	..	..
	35.7	7.0	..	..	0.9	3.0	..	..
	37.6	6.4	..	..	1.0	2.7	..	..
	38.5	6.0	..	..	1.0	2.8	..	..
	41.3	6.3	..	..	1.2	2.9	..	..
	39.9	4.1	..	..	1.1	2.4	..	..
1951-52—	41.8	7.5	..	..	1.3	3.2	..	..
	46.5	8.0	..	..	1.5	4.0	..	..
	45.5	8.9	2.1	0.8	1.8	3.7	..	..
Monthly Totals. Partly Estimated.								
	39.9	77.9	117.8					
	40.8	89.3	130.1					
	42.4	89.9	132.3					
	48.9	97.1	146.0					
	49.5	88.2	137.7					
	46.4	87.5	133.9					
	37.6	82.3	119.9					
	46.6	96.8	143.4					
	47.7	103.4	151.1					
	48.3	106.4	154.7					
	51.7	107.5	159.2					
	47.5	112.5	160.0					
	53.8	108.3	162.1					
	60.0	114.5	174.5					
	62.8	100.0	172.8					

(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; 8½ from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.46; 8½ and 25 from 8.9.49; 8½, 10, 25 and 33½ from 13.10.50; 12½, 20, 25, 33½, 50 and 66½ from 27.9.51. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., were reduced to 7½ per cent. and was exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40; 22.11.40; 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47, 9.9.48, 8.9.49, 13.10.50, and 27.9.51, further former exemptions was restored and additional exemptions granted.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES : STATES.

The figures in the tables below represent the sales made by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities.

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total. (a).
Quarterly Averages.							
1947-48 ..	96.3	67.6	32.6	20.1	16.3	7.5	240.4
1948-49 ..	114.6	80.0	38.6	24.5	19.8	8.8	286.3
1949-50 ..	133.3	96.9	45.8	30.3	24.2	10.3	340.8
1950-51 ..	167.2	118.8	56.5	37.2	29.7	12.9	422.3
Quarterly Totals.							
1950-51—							
Sept. Qtr. ..	152.3	108.1	51.8	33.1	26.3	11.6	383.2
Dec. ..	171.3	122.6	58.3	37.6	30.5	13.3	433.6
Mar. ..	164.1	117.1	55.8	36.9	29.9	12.7	416.5
June ..	181.2	127.6	60.2	41.0	31.9	14.1	456.0
1951-52—							
Sept. Qtr. ..	182.3	126.8	62.7	41.0	32.3	14.4	459.5

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butcher's Meat.	Other Food.	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing, Drapery, Piece Goods and Footwear.	Hardware.	Electrical Goods.	Furniture.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.	Other Goods.	Total.
Quarterly Averages.											
1947-48 ..	41.9	39.4		(b)	49.8	(b)	(b)	(b)	29.4	(b)	240.4
1948-49 ..	35.9	16.3	29.1	23.8	59.5	18.1	8.5	11.6	41.5	42.0	286.3
1949-50 ..	40.1	18.6	32.9	26.1	65.4	44.4			63.8	49.5	340.8
1950-51 ..	46.2	22.3	38.9	30.4	80.7	60.7			83.7	59.4	422.3
Quarterly Totals.											
1950-51—											
Sept. Qtr. ..	42.6	20.2	35.9	26.7	71.5	52.9			80.4	53.0	383.2
Dec. ..	46.8	21.2	39.0	32.0	83.9	62.5			83.8	64.4	433.6
Mar. ..	45.9	22.4	40.6	32.1	76.6	60.1			81.1	57.7	416.5
June ..	49.4	25.3	40.3	31.0	90.8	67.3			89.4	62.5	456.0
1951-52—						31.1			89.2	65.8	459.5
Sept. Qtr. ..	52.5	26.7	43.3	31.6	81.7	17.8			89.2	65.8	459.5

(a) Excluding Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.
not collected.

(b) Comparable commodity dissections for 1947-48

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.(b)			Advances.	Govern- ment and Municipal Securities. (c)	Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	Cash.	Treasury Bills.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.					
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1936-37 ..	184.7	112.9	297.6	262.5	15.0	..	34.2	24.5
1937-38 ..	194.8	120.0	314.8	274.4	21.4	..	37.1	20.7
1938-39 ..	198.8	118.9	317.7	288.1	20.5	..	33.6	21.5
1944-45 ..	224.0	343.8	567.8	208.7	105.8	208.0	38.0	60.3
1945-46 ..	220.4	386.0	606.4	(d) 212.2	115.3	238.1	38.5	59.8
1946-47 ..	206.9	429.7	636.6	261.1	95.0	265.0	37.9	25.8
1947-48 ..	201.9	471.6	673.5	329.9	65.6	262.3	44.4	18.1
1948-49 ..	211.3	565.1	776.4	368.6	61.5	322.7	48.0	22.1
1949-50 ..	224.5	685.6	910.1	403.9	83.8	377.0	52.0	26.5
1950-51 ..	247.7	896.5	1,144.2	479.3	90.2	500.3	59.3	36.9
1949-50—								
February ..	228.9	737.8	966.7	399.8	92.5	409.7	52.0	31.8
March ..	231.4	775.2	1,006.6	404.7	92.5	433.9	54.5	35.0
April ..	238.6	779.4	1,018.0	414.9	94.5	457.0	53.7	28.8
May ..	235.6	766.0	1,001.6	414.1	96.5	466.2	47.9	24.4
June ..	239.4	765.5	1,004.9	427.2	96.5	442.8	51.1	20.3
1950-51—								
July ..	244.5	753.3	997.8	440.5	98.6	430.1	49.5	22.9
August ..	244.3	739.1	983.4	444.1	96.5	441.5	51.6	16.1
September ..	244.0	758.3	1,002.3	449.2	92.9	448.5	60.0	18.5
October ..	248.7	808.4	1,057.1	465.0	84.6	458.8	58.1	29.6
November ..	250.0	846.5	1,096.5	476.5	80.7	480.3	57.0	33.6
December (e) ..	247.1	886.4	1,133.5	490.5	83.7	486.0	62.1	36.8
January ..	249.2	909.9	1,159.1	482.0	85.9	498.5	64.8	41.8
February ..	247.3	950.9	1,198.2	495.3	92.4	523.1	60.8	42.3
March ..	246.2	1,038.9	1,285.1	507.2	92.6	532.5	70.7	57.8
April ..	248.1	1,048.9	1,297.0	502.3	88.1	557.5	69.3	57.0
May ..	251.9	1,039.9	1,291.8	496.9	93.4	575.5	59.5	54.3
June ..	250.1	987.6	1,237.7	509.5	93.0	569.6	50.5	32.8
1951-52—								
July ..	252.1	952.2	1,204.3	527.6	91.1	537.8	55.1	24.8
August ..	249.3	941.3	1,190.6	541.6	81.5	523.0	56.3	35.5
September ..	247.4	929.9	1,177.3	568.5	75.8	519.1	54.5	33.5
October ..	242.2	937.0	1,179.2	593.8	68.2	509.8	56.1	23.5
November ..	240.2	950.5	1,190.7	620.7	63.2	494.5	61.9	19.3
December (e) ..	240.2	1,002.2	1,242.4	624.8	61.9	483.9	69.2	36.0
January ..	236.9	981.4	1,218.3	638.6	59.0	483.6	67.7	33.6
February ..	236.5	992.0	1,228.5	654.6	62.0	458.5	62.9	31.3

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. These have been reduced to seven by amalgamations. Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	+ Cash Treasury Bills.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c)	Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	
Averages of Weekly Figures.						
1936-37	11.49	19.73	88.20	93.26	..	37.93
1937-38	11.79	18.37	87.15	93.95	..	38.13
1938-39	10.58	17.36	90.70	97.15	..	37.42
1944-45	6.70	17.31	36.76	55.40	36.63	60.55
1945-46	6.34	16.20	(d)34.99	(d)54.00	39.27	63.65
1946-47	5.96	10.02	41.02	55.95	41.63	67.51
1947-48	6.59	9.28	48.98	58.72	38.94	70.02
1948-49	6.18	9.03	47.47	55.39	41.56	72.79
1949-50	5.71	8.62	44.35	53.55	41.40	75.28
1950-51	5.19	8.41	41.89	49.69	43.73	78.35
1949-50—						
February	5.38	8.66	41.36	50.83	42.38	76.31
March	5.41	8.88	40.21	49.40	43.10	77.01
April	5.28	8.10	40.76	50.04	44.89	76.56
May	4.79	7.22	41.34	50.98	46.54	76.48
June	5.08	7.10	42.51	52.11	44.07	76.17
1950-51—						
July	4.96	7.25	44.15	54.03	43.10	75.49
August	5.25	6.88	45.16	54.97	44.89	75.16
September	5.99	7.84	44.81	54.08	44.74	75.66
October	5.50	8.30	43.99	51.99	43.40	76.47
November	5.20	8.26	43.46	50.82	43.80	77.20
December(e)	5.48	8.72	43.25	50.63	42.87	78.20
January	5.58	9.18	41.59	49.00	43.01	78.50
February	5.07	8.60	41.34	49.06	43.66	79.36
March	5.50	9.99	39.47	46.67	41.43	80.84
April	5.34	9.73	38.73	45.52	42.98	80.87
May	4.60	8.80	38.47	45.70	44.55	80.50
June	4.08	6.73	41.16	48.67	46.02	79.79
1951-52—						
July	4.58	6.64	43.81	51.38	44.65	79.07
August	4.73	7.71	45.49	52.34	43.93	79.06
September	4.63	7.48	48.29	54.73	44.09	78.98
October	4.76	6.75	50.36	56.14	43.24	79.46
November	5.20	6.82	52.13	57.44	41.53	79.83
December (e)	5.57	8.47	50.29	55.28	38.95	80.67
January	5.23	7.99	52.42	57.26	39.70	80.55
February	5.24	7.78	53.28	58.33	37.32	80.75

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.

(b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

(e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

(General Banking Division and Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
Averages of Weekly Figures.							
1945-46(b)	21.1	35.8	56.9	20.5	7.4
1946-47	17.6	41.4	59.0	25.7	7.2
1947-48	13.9	44.5	58.4	33.3	7.4
1948-49	13.2	52.4	65.6	49.2	6.9
1949-50	14.8	72.3	87.1	81.7	14.0
1950-51	19.4	93.6	113.0	102.4	8.4
1949-50—							
February	16.0	70.3	86.3	86.1	8.0
March	16.4	71.7	88.1	105.9	6.2
April	16.3	72.3	88.6	111.8	5.7
May	15.9	71.5	87.4	104.0	5.3
June	16.3	71.5	87.8	95.7	4.9
1950-51—							
July	16.8	72.2	89.0	94.3	5.9
August	17.8	74.9	92.7	91.6	5.5
September	17.6	82.7	100.3	96.2	8.0
October	18.0	87.4	105.4	95.5	5.9
November	18.5	95.4	113.9	91.1	10.6
December(c)	18.5	102.3	120.8	93.0	13.7
January	18.2	88.0	106.2	98.8	6.9
February	18.1	97.2	115.3	103.6	11.2
March	18.3	111.5	129.8	114.0	14.4
April	24.2	107.0	131.2	116.9	7.6
May	24.0	106.5	130.5	121.9	6.4
June	22.3	102.8	125.1	111.5	7.1
1951-52—							
July	22.7	96.0	118.7	106.9	6.1
August	22.5	92.8	115.3	105.6	7.4
September	20.8	93.5	114.3	104.5	9.8
October	20.5	100.5	121.0	106.5	15.6
November	20.2	107.2	127.4	110.8	20.4
December (c)	18.9	120.9	139.8	112.6	29.0
January	17.9	100.1	118.0	116.6	11.5
February	18.8	96.2	115.0	133.6	11.6

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).	
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.						
Averages of Weekly Figures.									
1945-46(b)	..	16.9	176.9	193.8	241.8	26.9	144.4	181.6	418.3
1946-47	..	18.7	180.7	199.4	267.0	24.1	122.1	217.6	392.2
1947-48	..	22.2	175.9	198.1	263.7	28.0	142.0	196.7	419.9
1948-49	..	24.9	178.7	203.6	323.9	29.8	174.6	336.2	356.3
1949-50	..	27.9	194.3	222.2	379.6	30.7	200.3	434.0	349.0
1950-51	..	32.7	219.1	251.8	503.2	34.7	238.2	596.3	366.6
1949-50—									
February	..	27.8	194.1	221.9	411.6	31.8	183.9	449.6	349.1
March	..	27.8	196.1	223.9	437.0	35.1	203.9	485.3	341.7
April	..	29.6	200.5	230.1	461.3	31.2	211.7	507.0	343.9
May	..	29.6	199.3	228.9	471.2	25.7	209.1	497.7	346.8
June	..	28.7	201.9	230.6	447.8	28.7	206.5	503.2	341.7
1950-51—									
July	..	28.7	203.5	232.2	434.3	26.2	213.6	534.2	324.6
August	..	29.5	204.9	234.4	445.2	27.8	201.2	534.0	322.9
September	..	29.2	206.9	236.1	452.2	37.3	204.7	532.4	337.8
October	..	30.2	208.4	238.6	462.5	35.3	221.0	543.0	362.4
November	..	30.7	210.5	241.2	483.4	33.9	220.1	559.2	365.9
December	.. (c)	35.7	(c) 222.8	258.5	488.2	36.5	220.8	563.2	376.4
January	..	36.0	219.1	255.1	501.5	36.6	235.0	567.0	400.7
February	..	32.7	220.4	253.1	526.0	35.6	238.0	591.6	389.0
March	..	35.1	229.4	264.5	535.4	46.7	270.7	640.6	407.6
April	..	35.1	231.0	266.1	560.4	44.2	281.4	676.4	398.2
May	..	34.9	234.6	269.5	578.4	34.5	278.3	701.2	368.6
June	..	35.0	238.6	273.6	572.6	23.3	278.5	718.2	346.9
1951-52—									
July	..	34.9	241.4	276.3	540.8	29.5	287.3	712.6	345.2
August	..	35.3	244.6	279.9	526.0	30.0	281.3	696.5	351.7
September	..	35.7	248.0	283.7	522.1	26.9	274.3	665.8	372.8
October	..	37.4	249.6	287.0	512.8	26.5	277.8	615.5	412.4
November	..	37.3	252.8	290.1	497.4	32.3	287.1	512.5	513.7
December	.. (c)	43.3	(c) 264.6	307.9	484.0	35.9	275.0	446.6	581.0
January	..	43.5	257.9	301.4	486.0	33.4	267.4	386.3	615.9
February	..	38.2	256.6	294.8	461.0	36.2	259.9	335.8	627.5

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays of period. months ended June, 1946.

(c) Dissection made on proportion indicated by the returns for first three Wednesdays.

(b) Ten

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.				
Averages of Weekly Figures.							
1945-46(c)	..	245.8	437.1	682.9	249.4	48.4	68.4
1946-47	..	229.5	481.1	710.6	309.7	47.6	29.7
1947-48(d)	..	221.2	528.7	749.9	394.7	54.9	20.1
1948-49	..	231.8	635.9	867.7	457.6	59.1	24.4
1949-50	..	249.3	781.0	1,030.3	531.8	70.0	29.5
1950-51	..	279.6	1,022.0	1,301.6	638.4	72.6	64.1
1949-50—							
February	..	254.8	835.0	1,089.8	532.2	65.1	33.1
March	..	258.9	876.9	1,135.8	557.8	66.7	41.0
April	..	267.1	881.2	1,148.3	575.0	64.1	38.5
May	..	265.7	863.3	1,129.0	567.2	57.6	32.7
June	..	270.0	861.9	1,131.9	574.2	59.4	27.9
1950-51—							
July	..	273.3	850.7	1,124.0	588.9	58.3	30.4
August	..	273.1	839.5	1,112.6	590.1	59.7	22.7
September	..	273.0	868.4	1,141.4	600.2	71.9	30.7
October	..	278.6	923.4	1,202.0	616.7	68.5	44.9
November	..	280.9	969.5	1,250.4	625.0	72.4	50.0
December(e)	..	278.1	1,018.2	1,296.3	641.4	80.3	58.6
January	..	279.7	1,029.5	1,309.2	637.5	76.3	64.1
February	..	278.2	1,081.6	1,359.8	656.6	77.4	69.2
March	..	277.5	1,189.6	1,467.1	679.1	92.0	102.0
April	..	285.5	1,196.1	1,481.6	677.1	83.6	115.2
May	..	289.7	1,185.7	1,475.4	676.0	72.4	108.8
June	..	285.5	1,127.3	1,412.8	678.4	62.6	74.1
1951-52—							
July	..	287.4	1,084.5	1,371.9	692.5	66.8	61.2
August	..	284.1	1,070.1	1,354.2	705.6	69.0	69.8
September	..	280.6	1,058.3	1,338.9	732.1	68.9	65.8
October	..	275.4	1,071.7	1,347.1	760.7	75.5	54.4
November	..	272.5	1,092.2	1,364.7	792.3	86.9	47.2
December (e)	..	271.1	1,159.3	1,430.4	798.8	103.2	65.5
January	..	266.8	1,120.5	1,387.3	817.7	85.1	60.0
February	..	267.2	1,131.3	1,398.5	851.1	77.5	60.1

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act* 1945. Includes General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (a), page 48. (c) Ten months ended June, 1946. (d) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. (e) Average based on first three Wednesdays only.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Averages of Weekly Figures.								
1945-46(b)	46.7	43.5	14.7	8.7	5.8	2.9	0.1	122.4
1946-47	58.1	52.9	16.8	10.5	(c) 7.1	3.4	0.1	(c) 148.9
1947-48(e)	(d) 69.4	61.2	19.9	12.7	8.7	3.9	0.1	(d) 175.9
1948-49	83.1	74.3	24.3	15.5	10.7	4.7	0.2	212.8
1949-50	104.9	97.8	29.5	19.3	13.7	5.6	0.3	271.1
1950-51	145.1	134.9	39.0	26.8	19.3	7.4	0.4	372.9
1949-50—								
February	108.7	103.9	28.3	22.3	15.6	5.7	0.3	284.8
March	118.6	110.6	30.1	22.4	16.8	6.7	0.3	305.5
April	108.8	106.5	30.4	20.0	12.9	5.7	0.3	284.6
May	122.6	113.9	34.6	20.6	14.4	6.5	0.3	312.9
June	121.2	110.0	34.6	21.1	13.9	6.7	0.3	307.8
1950-51—								
July	121.3	115.7	36.5	22.7	15.1	6.9	0.3	318.5
August	109.2	102.5	30.4	20.3	13.7	6.3	0.3	282.7
September	126.3	109.7	34.0	23.5	17.4	6.3	0.3	317.5
October	135.5	129.5	38.7	24.7	17.8	6.5	0.4	353.1
November	147.9	132.3	40.6	24.9	19.0	6.4	0.4	371.5
December	158.0	141.0	40.9	28.3	20.5	6.8	0.3	395.8
January	131.6	125.7	35.1	25.2	21.9	6.4	0.4	346.3
February	161.1	149.0	38.7	30.4	22.6	8.5	0.4	410.7
March	160.0	143.5	40.6	32.8	20.6	8.6	0.4	406.5
April	161.1	169.9	44.6	30.2	25.0	8.5	0.4	439.7
May	167.3	156.6	44.5	30.3	19.6	8.6	0.4	427.3
June	168.2	149.3	45.0	30.5	18.7	8.9	0.4	421.0
1951-52—								
July	159.4	148.3	45.5	30.3	20.3	9.2	0.5	413.5
August	141.8	128.2	38.6	25.6	19.1	7.9	0.4	361.6
September	153.0	130.8	40.6	27.3	18.9	8.3	0.4	379.3
October	162.9	150.0	46.0	31.5	21.8	8.2	0.5	420.9
November	170.5	148.8	42.2	30.5	21.4	8.4	0.4	422.2
December	175.9	157.4	46.5	35.4	23.5	9.6	0.5	448.8
January	146.2	133.3	36.5	27.2	24.5	7.4	0.4	375.5
February	155.3	153.4	38.4	33.9	24.3	9.0	0.4	414.7

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act 1945*. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (d) See footnote (d) on previous page (e) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from the Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.							War Savings and Savings Certificates— Net Amount Outstanding.
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(a)	
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	230.9	..
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	240.4	..
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	245.6	..
1944-45 ..	198.2	182.1	80.1	57.0	31.8	16.9	567.0	52.5
1945-46 ..	236.2	211.3	90.1	65.9	38.3	20.4	663.6	54.7
1946-47 ..	231.4	216.1	85.6	67.9	36.6	20.9	660.0	59.5
1947-48 ..	237.0	226.4	84.8	73.6	36.2	21.6	681.3	64.5
1948-49 ..	244.5	239.2	87.4	81.2	37.5	22.4	714.2	62.2
1949-50 ..	258.9	257.1	92.2	87.7	39.6	24.3	762.1	55.0
1950-51 ..	284.5	281.8	98.8	97.8	44.7	27.2	837.4	48.1
1949-50—								
February ..	251.8	248.3	90.0	84.8	38.5	23.7	739.2	57.3
March ..	252.6	249.4	89.8	85.2	38.7	23.8	741.8	56.7
April ..	253.5	250.7	89.9	85.6	38.8	23.9	744.7	56.1
May ..	253.7	251.6	90.2	85.7	38.7	24.0	746.1	55.6
June ..	258.9	257.1	92.2	87.7	39.6	24.3	(b) 762.1	55.0
1950-51—								
July ..	260.0	256.9	92.4	88.1	39.7	24.4	763.9	54.5
August ..	259.0	256.4	92.5	87.9	39.7	24.6	762.4	53.9
September ..	259.7	258.0	93.2	88.5	40.0	24.7	766.5	53.3
October ..	259.3	258.3	93.4	88.7	40.0	24.6	766.6	52.7
November ..	259.0	258.5	93.4	88.9	39.9	24.5	766.7	52.1
December ..	260.1	259.3	93.9	89.3	39.8	24.5	769.2	51.4
January ..	261.7	260.9	93.8	90.2	40.0	24.7	773.7	50.9
February ..	264.4	262.2	94.2	91.3	40.5	25.2	780.2	50.3
March ..	278.7	273.6	98.4	95.0	43.3	26.4	817.8	49.7
April ..	279.4	274.8	98.2	95.5	43.6	26.5	820.6	49.2
May ..	279.8	277.0	98.6	95.8	43.9	26.7	824.4	48.7
June ..	284.5	281.8	98.8	97.8	44.7	27.2	(b) 837.4	48.1
1951-52—								
July ..	285.5	283.3	99.3	98.7	44.9	27.5	841.9	47.6
August ..	287.4	285.0	100.2	99.6	45.5	28.0	848.5	47.0
September ..	288.9	286.8	100.7	99.4	45.7	28.1	852.4	46.4
October ..	291.0	288.2	101.0	99.8	46.0	28.3	856.8	45.9
November ..	292.5	289.8	101.6	100.3	46.2	28.5	861.7	45.4
December ..	293.2	290.2	101.7	100.6	46.0	28.5	862.9	44.8
January ..	295.3	293.0	101.4	101.6	46.3	28.7	869.1	44.3
February ..	296.9	294.1	100.8	102.3	46.3			43.9

(a) Includes internal Territories.

(b) Interest added—1949-50, £12 2m.; 1950-51, £12.8m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Trading Banks. Interest on Fixed Deposits.				C'wealth. Savings Bank.	Treasury Bills (Discount Rates).	C'wealth. Govt. Securities.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales —Urban Securities.	
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.			Taxed at 1930 C'wealth. Rates.			
							Under 5 years.	10 years and over.		
1936-37 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	(a) 3.57	(a) 3.94	(b) 5.3	
1937-38 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.30	3.71	5.4	
1938-39 ..	2.0	2.5	2.75	3.0	2.0	1.75	3.67	3.84	5.5	
							Taxed at Current C'wlth. Rates.			
							Short-dated, 2 years.	Long-dated, 12 years.		
							(c)	(c)		
1944-45 ..	0.56	0.81	1.28	1.78	2.0	1.17	2.47	3.25	4.9	
1945-46 ..	0.50	0.75	1.10	1.60	2.0	1.00	2.19	3.24	4.7	
1946-47 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	1.93	3.21	4.5	
1947-48 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	1.00	2.34	3.16	4.4	
1948-49 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.96	2.07	3.12	4.4	
1949-50 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4	
1950-51 ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.99	3.21	4.4	
1949-50—										
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.12	4.4	
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.13	4.4	
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.14	4.4	
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.13	4.4	
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.95	3.15	4.4	
1950-51—										
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.14	4.4	
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.15	4.4	
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.97	3.15	4.4	
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.13	4.4	
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.96	3.14	4.4	
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.17	4.4	
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.98	3.15	4.4	
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.21	4.4	
March ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.02	3.27	4.4	
April ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.28	4.4	
May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.00	3.24	4.4	
June ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.05	3.51	4.4	
1951-52—										
July ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.03	3.73	4.4	
August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.03	3.82	4.4	
September ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.04	3.83	4.4	
October ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.01	3.80	4.4	
November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.02	3.76	4.4	
December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	1.99	3.75	4.4	
January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.04	3.82		
February ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.50	2.0	0.75	2.03	3.82		

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.
 (b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (c) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.
 (d) For December, 1945 and onward 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess.

EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

Period.	Exchange Rates.			Gold Prices.	
	Australia on London.(a)	London on New York.(a)	Australia on New York.(b)	Australia.(c)	London.
	£A. per £100 stg.	\$ per £ stg.	\$ per £ A.	£A. per fine oz.	£ stg. per fine oz.
1936-37	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.761	7.041
1937-38	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001
1938-39	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340
1944-45	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.592	8.413
1945-46	125.25	4.030	3.198	10.763	8.613
1946-47	125.25	4.030	3.199	10.763	8.613
1947-48	125.25	4.030	3.200	10.763	8.613
1948-49	125.25	4.030	3.204	10.763	8.613
1949-50	125.25	3.074	2.445	14.443	11.557
1950-51	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1949-50—					
February	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
March	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
April	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
May	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1950-51—					
July	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
August	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
September	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
October	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
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March	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
April	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
May	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
June	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
1951-52—					
July	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
August	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
September	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
October	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
November	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400
December	125.25	2.795	2.225	15.492	12.400
January	125.25	2.782	2.213	15.492	12.400
February	125.25	2.782	2.213	15.492	12.400

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers.
price paid by the mints in Australia.

(b) Selling rate. Direct quotations.

(c) Average

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, &c., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	
	Number.	Sum Assured. £'000.	Number.	Sum Assured. £'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Monthly Averages.									
1937	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939	11,292	3,886	32,124	1,545	1,144	541	833	303	n.a.
1945	10,918	5,086	24,197	1,636	1,635	781	1,016	409	n.a.
1946	17,057	8,341	29,891	2,218	1,839	823	1,092	433	n.a.
1947(a)	19,808	9,549	26,271	2,316	2,113	889	1,052	456	n.a.
1947-48(a)	20,171	10,077	26,915	2,492	2,258	910	1,044	471	1,057
1948-49	20,201	10,618	25,254	2,458	2,539	967	1,112	497	1,476
1949-50	20,492	12,176	24,999	2,509	2,877	1,003	1,224	512	2,778
1950-51	21,642	15,206	22,713	2,423	3,210	1,043	1,310	491	3,893
Monthly Totals.									
1949-50—									
December ..	24,680	17,781	17,363	1,726	3,158	1,195	1,177	485	2,472
January ..	11,748	6,825	9,945	1,003	2,480	673	1,041	374	1,387
February ..	15,955	8,848	24,529	2,458	2,384	984	1,128	462	1,965
March ..	21,343	13,023	28,428	2,862	3,011	1,083	1,278	555	3,284
April ..	17,400	10,478	20,234	2,087	2,561	916	1,024	409	4,513
May ..	21,344	13,196	32,123	3,283	3,202	1,059	1,404	561	2,620
June ..	21,341	12,712	25,894	2,689	3,791	1,053	1,439	535	6,003
1950-51—									
July ..	21,192	13,847	27,600	2,838	3,325	1,059	1,309	538	3,286
August ..	23,897	15,476	25,686	2,671	3,257	1,053	1,359	530	3,579
September ..	30,918	18,353	28,496	2,984	3,059	1,009	1,422	512	2,768
October ..	18,273	11,894	28,880	2,930	3,020	1,087	1,387	527	4,112
November ..	20,832	14,221	23,539	2,444	3,092	1,129	1,348	495	3,451
December ..	24,895	19,676	15,836	1,642	3,359	1,198	1,221	470	5,503
January ..	12,163	8,221	8,162	885	2,824	687	1,077	366	2,692
February ..	15,816	10,631	21,445	2,307	2,712	1,021	1,187	463	4,152
March ..	20,629	15,251	22,817	2,512	3,099	1,087	1,240	483	3,956
April ..	20,965	15,945	24,704	2,728	3,049	1,078	1,419	476	3,753
May ..	23,566	18,249	23,044	2,588	3,625	1,093	1,405	523	4,803
June ..	26,558	20,711	22,352	2,543	4,096	1,022	1,341	513	4,658
1951-52—									
July ..	24,178	19,569	27,368	3,138	3,964	1,119	1,483	576	6,083
August ..	29,639	21,861	23,916	2,798	3,610	1,131	1,410	547	4,560
September ..	29,451	22,258	27,768	3,405	3,466	1,013	1,414	503	4,771
October ..	23,155	18,376	26,172	3,119	3,421	1,176	1,549	564	4,333
November ..	23,659	17,291	22,817	2,763	3,541	1,228	1,471	570	3,599
December ..	28,745	26,194	17,366	2,100	3,586	1,209	1,316	492	3,999

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

Government of—	July—January, 1950-51.			July—January, 1951-52.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).
New South Wales(b) ..	65,434	69,072	— 3,638	86,251	88,296	— 2,045
Victoria	27,498	32,516	— 5,018	38,267	44,661	— 6,394
Queensland	22,512	23,729	— 1,217	29,730	29,333	+ 397
South Australia	16,314	16,688	— 374	19,860	20,364	— 504
Western Australia	15,607	16,024	— 417	18,496	19,363	— 867
Tasmania	3,918	4,405	— 487	5,272	5,776	— 504
Six States	151,283	162,434	— 11,151	197,876	207,793	— 9,917
Commonwealth	343,458	375,710	— 32,252	427,644	465,609	— 37,965
Grand Total	445,674	489,077	— 43,403	555,717	603,599	— 47,882

Government of—	1950-51.			1951-52 Estimate.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).
New South Wales(b) ..	130,653	130,620	+ 33	167,482	167,077	+ 405
Victoria	63,544	63,888	— 344	80,126	80,610	— 484
Queensland	44,723	44,625	+ 98	52,270	52,234	+ 36
South Australia	31,072	30,842	+ 230	37,258	37,243	+ 15
Western Australia	28,973	28,814	+ 159	33,096	33,158	— 62
Tasmania	7,820	8,066	— 246	9,815	10,274	— 459
Six States	306,785	306,855	— 70	380,047	380,596	— 549
Commonwealth	841,792	841,792	..	1,056,104	941,572	+ 114,532
Grand Total	1,034,300	1,034,370	— 70	1,325,782	1,211,799	+ 113,983

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted.

(b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

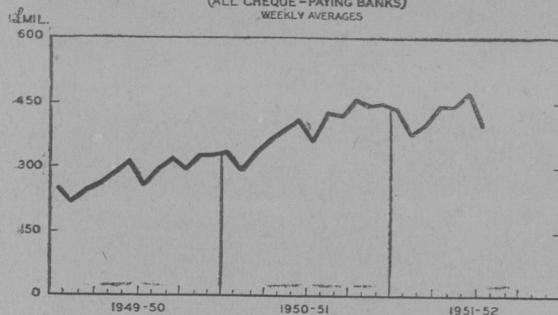
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Where Redeemable.	Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of—							
	Common-wealth.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
At 29th Feb., 1952—								
Australia (b) ..	258,280	..	5,000	..	..	..	1,000	264,280
London ..	970	9,796	5,805	..	3,816	2,960	491	23,838
At 28th Feb., 1951—								
Australia (b) ..	158,280	..	2,000	160,280
London ..	1,220	9,796	5,805	..	3,816	2,960	491	24,088

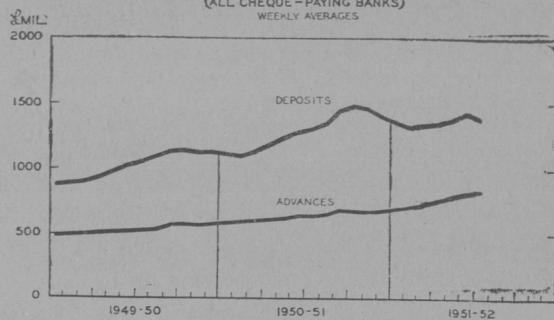
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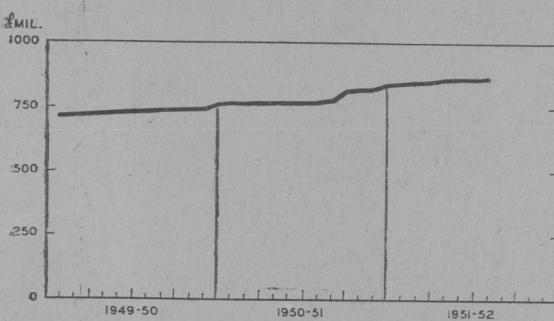
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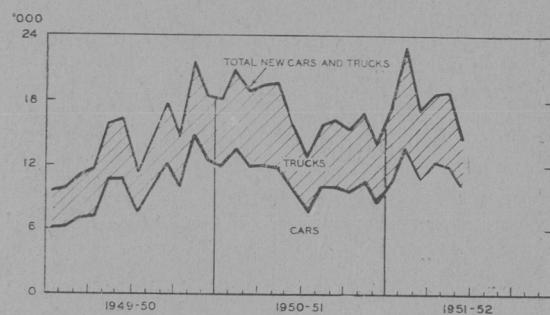
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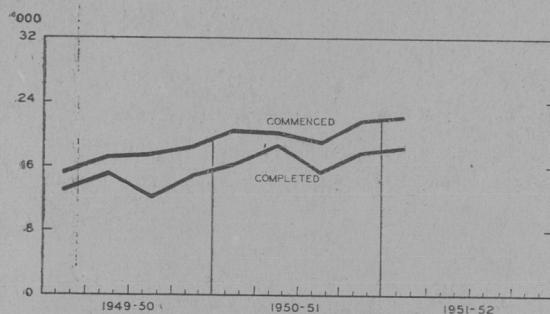
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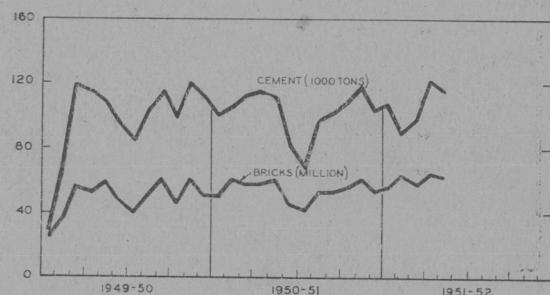
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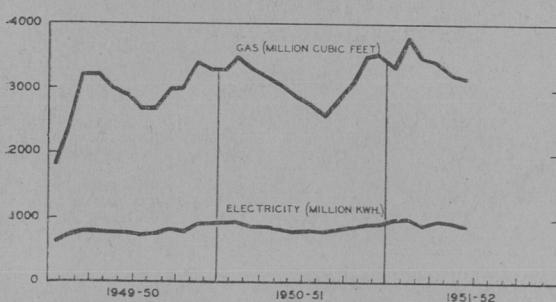
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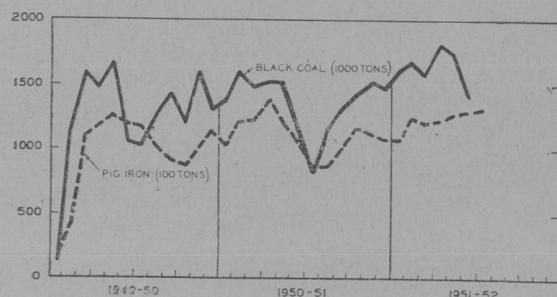
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